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### Algeria may resume ties with Egypt

ALGIERS, June 27. (Reuters) - President Chadli Benjedid has revived speculation that Algeria and Egypt may resume diplomatic ties after a nine-year break by saying his country has no special problems with Cairo.

"Everyone knows that we have no particular problem with our sister country Egypt," Chadli said in an interview with the Lebanese weekly Al Hawadeth.

The proof is that we have not opposed countries who maintained their relations with Egypt and we have made no protest against those who have renewed ties recently," he added.

Several Arab countries restored links with Egypt after a summit in Amman in November. Only four Arab states, including Algeria, have not yet restored diplomatic links with Cairo, severed after Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

In the interview, carried by the Algerian news agency APS, Chadli said he had met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Addis Ababa last month.

### Bus-train collision

MIAMI, June 27, (AP) - Twenty-six people, most of them youths, were killed and 80 were injured when a train and bus collided east of Havana, Cuba's state-run radio reported today.

More than half of those injured in the Saturday crash were in serious condition, according to a broadcast monitored in Miami, adding that most of those killed were between 12 and 19.

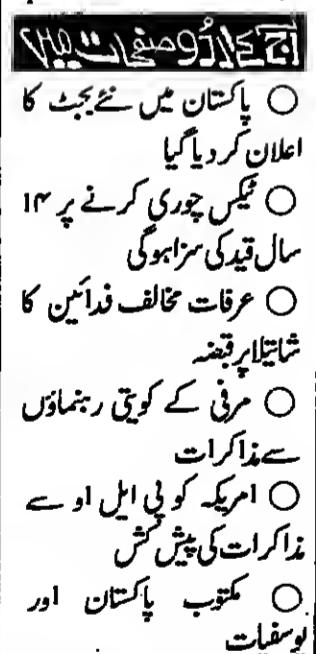
No cause was given for the accident, which occurred along the Barrera highway in the city of Guanabacoa, the destination of the bus from Megano beach.

### Emergency phone

THE telephone number of the police emergency will be changed from 102 to 199 from July 15. But until Aug 1 police emergency can be called on both 102 and 199.

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### Murphy meets Amir and Crown Prince

# Kuwait urges US to hold talks with PLO



KUWAIT urged the United States yesterday to open talks with the PLO and speed up efforts to convene a Middle East peace conference.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed told reporters after talks with US envoy Richard Murphy: "We affirmed the importance of contacts between the United States and the PLO in its capacity as representative of the Palestinian people."

"The uprising in the occupied Arab territories is inspired by the Palestinian people's will and their adherence to their national rights under the leadership of the PLO," he said.

#### Efforts

Washington refuses to talk to the PLO on the grounds it is a terrorist organisation, and its refusal to recognise the right of Israel to exist. Murphy, an Assistant Secretary of State, arrived in Kuwait on Sunday night as part of a Gulf tour.

"We clarified that efforts to solve the Middle East issue must be speeded up through the bolding of an international conference before the problem gets worse," Sheikh Sabah added.

"I hereby urge the US to unequivocally declare US acceptance of the international conference under the auspices of the United Nations as a prelude to exposing the attitudes of all parties concerned."

Sheikh Sabah said Kuwait told Murphy of its absolute support for the PLO.

Asked if he had noticed a change in the US position, Sheikh Sabah said: "I believe they understand now the danger of the situation and the need for bolding an international peace conference."

But he said special ties continued to bind the United States and Israel.

Murphy discussed the Iran-Iraq war, the Middle East conflict and bilateral ties with HH the Amir, Sheikh Jafer Al Ahmed, and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

Murphy also met the Kuwait Defence Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed.

Murphy relayed a message from US Vice-President George Bush to Sheikh Saad. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

Sheikh Saad is scheduled to visit Washington July 12 to sign a \$1.9 billion arms deal involving the purchase of 40 F-18 jet fighters and other weapons.

President Reagan's administration has defended the decision against Congress reservations on the grounds Kuwait needs the weapons to defend itself against Iran.

Informants who insisted that they not be identified, said Murphy briefed his bosses on the outcome of the superpower summit.

On the US stand toward the Iraq-Iran war and implementation of the Security Council resolution 598, Sheikh Sabah said there is nothing new in the American attitude in this respect.

Washington insists on the execution of all articles of the resolution, but some other coun-

tries are still hesitant in its implementation in its current order of priority, he noted.

Sheikh Sabah pointed out that the GCC countries have unanimously passed a decision backing the resolution.

#### Initiative

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's media adviser, who recently made headlines with a controversial declaration on peace talks with Israel, also urged the United States to initiate a dialogue with the organisation's movement.

In a statement published by the Al Ittihad newspaper of Abu Dhabi Bassam Abu Sharif urged Washington to "take tangible steps toward opening a dialogue with the PLO."

Failure to do so, he added, would reflect "its hostility toward the Palestinian people and their national aspirations."

"Direct contact between the PLO and the US administration is required now more than ever," he said.

He also repeated his controversial declaration that the PLO was willing to negotiate directly with Israel, under the auspices of an international conference.

Commenting on a signed paper he wrote about the Palestinian problem and containing the declaration on direct talks, he said it "was not presented to Washington as a document."

The PLO had previously rejected direct dealing with Israel.

### A new dimension to warfare

## 7 Mideast states possess missiles

NEW YORK, June 27. (Reuters) - Although Washington and Moscow have agreed to scrap their medium-range missiles, seven Middle Eastern nations are stockpiling similar weapons which may alter warfare in the region, Time magazine reported yesterday.

Seven nations — Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Syria — have built up arsenals, although the weekly news magazine noted that the missiles were not nuclear armed, "with the highly probable exception of Israel's."

The build-up began after the start of the three-year-old "war

of the cities" between Baghdad and Tehran, and threatens to increase bloodshed in conflicts within the volatile region.

"It is only a matter of time before these countries acquire significant inventories of accurate missiles armed with highly lethal warheads," Seth Carus, of the Washington Institute for Near Eastern Policy, told Time.

Washington also expressed "deep concern" last week over the prospect that Beijing would sell Syria M9 missiles with a range of 500 miles (800 km).

Israel has expressed alarm that hostile neighbours have begun stockpiling weapons which could reach Israeli cities.

#### Range

In the Gulf war, Iraq doubled the range of their Soviet-made Scud-B missiles to 360 miles (580 km) to permit them to reach

### Love still counts

DETROIT, June 27, (UPI) - Old-fashioned love is the biggest incentive to marry for an overwhelming majority of Americans, according to a nationwide poll released today.

Resounding 92 percent of those surveyed said "love" was the No. 1 reason Americans married. "Companionship" was the next most important motivation for 77 percent of those surveyed.

Those polled were representative of three groups: single and not ever married, single and intending to marry in next five years and those who had been married for at least five years.

Source: R.H. Bruskin and Associates for Korbel Champagne Cellars.

The nationwide poll of 1,025 people, representing all 50 states, was used to determine the emotional issues and societal pressures facing men and women considering marriage.

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## INTERNATIONAL

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1988

# Soviet Communist Party opens crucial conference

MOSCOW, June 27, (Reuter): The Communist Party conference opened in Moscow today and promises rich debate on the Soviet political future, but its results are uncertain due to the nature of the system it is intended to reform.

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev wants the conference to make his "perestroika" reforms irreversible by clamping limits on the powers of officials to impose their will on society.

The main question to be discussed at the conference is the restructuring of our political system, which is of course obsolete," Nail Bikkine, editor of the party journal Kommunist, declared at a news conference today.

But in an interview in the party newspaper Pravda, his deputy Otto Latsis said life had not improved for the average citizen since Gorbachev took office and it would be wrong to expect miracles from the conference. Both

men are delegates.

More than 1.5 million proposals have poured into the party's policy-making central committee in the month since it published a platform for change to be discussed at the conference, the first such party gathering in 47 years.

Hundreds of the proposals have been published in the press and, in a reflection of the progress of Gorbachev's "glasnost" (openness) drive, the vast majority call for changes more radical than those contained in the platform.

Yegor Yakovlev, editor of the outspoken weekly Moscow News and a delegate to the conference, said last week that he had seen in the proposals ideas he would not have heard sitting around a kitchen table with friends five years ago.

Other prominent pro-reform delegates have joined the public in calling for the removal of lo-

opholes in the platform which exclude some officials from limits of two five-year terms.

Gorbachev, who admitted with barely veiled pleasure last month that the Soviet Union had become "a vast debating society" is expected to call on the delegates to heed popular sentiment and tighten up the platform, known as "theses."

#### Powers

On the eve of the conference, the objective of Gorbachev's backers is emerging as a political system of strict separation of power between the executive, legislative and judiciary branches with the party in a largely supervisory role.

Letter after letter has called for guarantees to ensure that decision-making moves from the bottom up.

"I would like to define the essence of a law-based state in a short formula: State power must be subject to the law and not

stand above it," a professor of law said in a recent interview.

But leading party intellectuals admit they have nuclear ideas yet about the future shape of Soviet political life.

Bikkine said the party was "in a search for democracy". He said reliable political guarantees were needed to prevent a recurrence of the "cult of personality" which was created by Joseph Stalin and thrived under the late Leonid Brezhnev.

The "theses" aim to achieve this by limiting the terms of senior officials up to the party leader and transferring decision-making power from the party to elected bodies such as the parliament, denounced by Bikkine as a rubber-stamp body.

They call for a ban on government ministers serving concurrently in the parliament with the aim of increasing the independence of the executive and legislative branches.

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Rescuers looking for survivors at the site where a new Airbus crashed. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Three people died, say French police

# 133 survive Airbus crash

MULHOUSE, France, June 27, (Reuter): One hundred and thirty-three passengers on board an Airbus miraculously survived when their brand new aircraft crashed and burst into flames at an air show on France's Swiss border on Sunday.

Local police headquarters, revising previous estimates downwards, said three people were killed when the Air France A-320 ploughed into a forest after losing height over Habachem airport, 10 km from Mulhouse.

The plane, carrying a group of journalists and special guests, took off from the international airport at Basle-Mulhouse and was due to circle the Alps before returning to France.

**Suspension**

Enthusiasts at the air show feared the worst when they saw the plane, one of an Airbus generation launched in April, skim the runway and plough into trees beyond, sending a huge plume of black smoke billowing into the sky.

British Airways suspended service on its two Airbus A320

aircraft last night.

British Airways announced it was suspending both its A320s from routes between London's Gatwick airport and various European destinations, effective at Sunday midnight.

A spokeswoman said: "Following discussions with Airbus (the manufacturer) and the Civil Aviation Authority, we have decided to suspend the A320 services as a precautionary measure pending further information on the cause of Sunday's accident."

She said alternative planes had been arranged and she did not anticipate any cancellations.

A London spokesman for the manufacturer, the four-nation Airbus Industrie consortium in which Britain has a large stake, refused to comment on the possible effects for the consortium.

## Chinese missiles

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuter): Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin asked for US help in blocking Chinese missile sales to Arab countries, US officials said today.

## Frank Carlucci

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuter): Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said today he plans to visit Moscow in early August for talks aimed at expanding US-Soviet military contacts.

## 4 seamen die

BARCELONA, Spain, June 27, (Reuter): Four Filipino seamen were killed and their Greek captain was injured when they fell five metres (16 feet) into the hold of a ship docked at Barcelona's port today, local authorities said.

## 'North and Poindexter are innocent'

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuter): President Reagan declared today that he believes former White House aides Oliver North and John Poindexter are innocent of Iran-Contra crimes and said he hoped the legal process would go forward quickly.

"I believe in the innocence of the two men and I would like to see that established once and for all," Reagan said in response to a reporter's question at the start of a meeting with visiting Turkish President Kenan Evren.

Reagan was also asked whether he agreed with some White House aides who suggested last week the administration wanted the legal process to move quickly forward to trials and if he would order the administration's process of declassifying vast numbers of secret documents to be speeded up.

The President replied, "I would hope that we could."

## Status of women highest in Sweden

WASHINGTON, June 27, (AP): Sweden leads the world in the status of women, followed by Finland and the United States, while women in Bangladesh suffer the greatest discrimination, a private population group reports.

The Independent Population Crisis Committee ranked nearly 100 countries according to the status of women and how their treatment compares with men. The results were released in a study entitled "Poor, Powerless and Pregnant."

"The world's poorest women live on the edge of subsistence. They are politically and legally powerless. They are caught in a life cycle that begins with early marriage and pregnancy and too often ends with death in childbirth," said Dr Sharon Camp, vice-president of the group.

No country managed to be listed as "excellent," but Sweden led the "very good" section,

followed by Finland and the United States.

Also listed as very good were East Germany, Norway, Canada and Denmark.

## Bottom five

Bangladesh finished a distant last, with Mali, Afghanistan,

North Yemen and Pakistan rounding out the bottom five on the list.

The country ratings, developed in a year-long study, are based on measures of women's status in the areas of health, marriage and children, education, employment and social equality.

Nowhere do women enjoy equal status with men, the report said.

"But in the least developed countries of Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, crushing poverty overlaid with long-standing patterns of discrimination create living conditions for women almost too harsh to imagine," the report said.

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## INTERNATIONAL

### 'Return of Afghan refugees requires new government'

BEIJING, June 27. (Reuter): The return of Afghan refugees from Pakistan will be possible only after the establishment of a broad-based government acceptable to the majority of the Afghan people, Pakistan's foreign minister said.

The New China News Agency quoted Sabirzada Yaqub Khan as saying at a banquet last night, in his honour that the return of the refugees depended on peaceful conditions in Afghanistan, only possible after the setting up of such a government.

"The return of the Afghan refugees must await the emergence of peaceful conditions in Afghanistan, which is only possible after the establishment of a broad-based Afghan government acceptable to the majority

of the Afghan people," he said. Yaqub Khan arrived in Beijing on Sunday on an official visit. China is a close ally of Pakistan.

He said Pakistan was scrupulously abiding by the commitments of the Geneva accords, which include a procedure for dealing with alleged violations, and was giving full co-operation to UN officials.

#### Mines

Meanwhile, Soviet troops withdrawing from Afghanistan are removing mines laid to protect their positions, the Communist Party daily Pravda said today.

By the end of May, 1,518 of the 2,131 minefields laid by Soviet forces had been cleared, the newspaper said.

Another 100 minefields were

turned over to the Afghan Army defending the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Pravda denied charges it said were made by Western media that the Soviet Union was leaving vast areas of Afghanistan mined as it brings its troops home.

The newspaper said 10 civilians were killed on Friday by mines along the road from Jalalabad to Kabul, but charged that the mines had been laid by Afghan rebels, not Soviet troops.

The Soviet Union began withdrawing more than 100,000 soldiers from Afghanistan in mid-May under accords signed by Pakistan and Afghanistan in Geneva a month earlier.

All Soviet troops are due to leave by February 15, 1989.

### Aquino is sick of yellow

MANILA, June 27. (Reuter): Tie a yellow ribbon 'round the old oak tree.'

Tie it anywhere, in fact, except on Corazon Aquino.

The Philippine president has had enough of the colour that was the symbol of her rise to power.

"I have grown tired of it," Aquino said on Sunday of the colour that represented her "people power" revolution.

Her disclosure follows years of yellow dresses, yellow ribbons, yellow everything from flowers to political posters.

#### Popularity

The colour was popularised by Aquino's husband, Benigno, as a symbol of opposition to President Ferdinand Marcos, and became entrenched as a political gesture after Benigno was assassinated in 1983 as he returned to the Philippines from exile in the United States.

Close friends of the President say her favourite colour is fuscia.

### US bases talks to reshape Manila ties

MANILA, June 27. (Reuter): The Philippines is using talks on the future of big US military bases here to reshape a relationship it sees as unequal and exploitative, Philippines Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said.

"It is evident ... that we in the Philippines have been taken for granted," he told a business men's group today.

"We have succumbed to romantic embraces (from the United States) sometimes so tight that they stifled our initiative and our national sovereignty."

Manglapus, who heads a government team which is reviving an American panel the bilateral agreement on the bases, said Washington was not giving Manila enough money to compensate for having such vital installations.

#### Boost

"Certainly what they are giving us is not commensurate at all," he said.

He said a 1985 US congressional study suggested that closure of the Clark and Subic Bay Air and Naval bases near Manila would mean deploying

up to six additional US naval battle groups in the Pacific at a cost of more than \$60 billion.

Philippine negotiators have made it clear they are seeking a significant boost in US aid.

Under an existing package,

Washington has pledged an annual \$180 million for the five-year period 1985-1989.

Actual annual aid since

President Corazon Aquino came to office in 1986 has exceeded \$350 million.

Earlier, leading Senators at a breakfast gathering said Aquino's insistence on keeping open her options on the bases was causing dangerous confusion.

"We're receiving contradictory signals from the executive," said Leticia Shahani, chairwoman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Shahani, who says she favours

a gradual phasing out of the bases, added: "It is time we stop playing the guessing game on this issue."

About 50 women activists

demonstrated today outside the US embassy, calling for removal of the bases.

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No foreign journalists were allowed in to report on the elections and the Laotian authorities strictly limit the movement of diplomats and aid workers in the country.

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## Azad Rahman wants to put Bangladesh back on music map

**A LEADING** Bangladeshi musician Azad Rahman, has lamented "cultural apathy" in his country, known for its musical heritage and traditions.

Azad Rahman, who was in Kuwait to take part in a concert, said concerted efforts by his government are needed to "put back music on the road to revival."

"We need strict government control and a well-defined policy guiding the revival of music. This is absolutely essential," he said.

He suggested the adoption of a "systematic approach" to revive the music culture of his country.

"For Bangladeshi music was and is a way of life. Today, however, things are changing. The quality of music is deteriorating. People lack appreciation for folk and classical music," he said.

Rahman feels there is an "urgent need" to take stock of the situation and prevent music from further decline through what he calls the "bad influence of the television and film media."

"Its deterioration has just begun; now is the time to take

action. If nothing is done now it would be too late," he warns.

The saddest part, he says, is that culture of music is fast declining in the sub-continent — in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

### Legacy

For Rahman, music "is a legacy" and he wants it to continue in his country, and other parts of the region, which are intertwined by a common musical heritage.

"The music of Bangladesh derives from Indian classical sound. This is true of the musical tradition of all sub-continent countries," he says. The only difference is the regional stamp, derived from the socio-economic background of the people who adopted it, he adds.

"For a human being to be human, it is necessary to absorb music, enjoy it and pass it on to future generations," he says.

Music is a message of love and peace for Rahman, who is a noted Bangladeshi composer, lyricist, singer and classical music exponent.

"My people do not appreciate classical music anymore," he laments, adding that the situa-



Azad Rahman

through such institutions as the Shilpkala Academy, but Rahman feels they are not sufficient to revive the culture. Lamenting its loss, he talks about the "rich musical heritage" of his country, which has a basic regional flavour — for instance Sylheti style, Nazrul and Tagore songs.

### Ballads

Bangladeshi folk music is derived from the fishing and farming culture of the country. Fishermen's ballads and farmer's songs are at once calm and rhythmic, combining melody and harmony, described by Rahman as "folk culture."

For this, he said, Bangladesh needs a comprehensive policy.

"Without knowledge and background you can't create an identity," he says, advocating the setting up of a "platform" for the younger generation to learn its history and lay the base for a more appreciative audience.

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1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via  
Satellite  
1.50 Songs  
2.30 Wamrat Al Ayyam:  
Arabic serial, featuring  
Juliett Awad,  
Ruh Al Saldi, Suso  
Saleh, Imao Kamel.  
3.35 Bill and Sebastian:  
cartoon serial  
4.00 World News via  
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4.20 Al Matloub: Arabic  
play, starring Hasna  
Ahmed, Laila  
Hamada, Faeza  
Kamal.  
6.00 Cartoons

he says explaining his goal. He believes he has "sown the seeds". Only time will tell if he has succeeded.

"I have done what I had to do and not for what I will achieve," he says. He claims he wants to benefit his society as a whole by laying the foundation for reviving a musical culture.

His strategy seems to be clearcut: a) to create musicians and help them achieve an indigenous Bangladeshi style and b) simultaneously lay the base for an appreciative audience.

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Rahlat Haul Al  
Alam: cartoons  
10.15 Shams Al Kharceef:  
Arabic serial, starring  
Tawfiq Abdul  
Hamid, Farouk  
Najib, Zizi Badawi.  
11.00 News/Good Morning

11.15 Ghaddan Tabda Al  
Hayat: Arabic serial,  
featuring Hayat Al  
Fahad, Gharem Al  
Saleh, Suad  
Abdullah.

12.15 Film Min Kitab:  
presented by  
Duriya Sharif al din,  
Suhal Ilyas.

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10.50 Souk Al Ghaz: daily  
Arabic serial

9.00 Naar wa Duqqan:  
Arabic serial, featur-  
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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

YOU may prove anything by figures — Thomas Carlyle, Scottish writer (1795-1881).

## Vassiliou set for talks over Cyprus

By Katherine McElroy

NICOSIA, (Reuter): A political newcomer whom Greek Cypriots picked as president to break 14 years of stalemate on their divided island is preparing for his first major challenge.

George Vassiliou, elected in February, and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash are expected to meet next month, probably in Geneva, for the first talks between Cypriot leaders in three years.

Two recent fatal shootouts in the "buffer zone" running the breadth of the Mediterranean holiday island have emphasised the need for a solution to the intractable Cyprus problem.

But few observers predict that a Vassiliou-Denktash meeting, proposed by United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, will in itself bring a breakthrough.

Cyprus has been split since Turkish troops invaded the north in 1974, following a short-lived coup in Nicosia stage-managed by the military dictatorship then ruling Greece.

**Troops**

The breakaway Turkish Republic of North Cyprus was proclaimed in 1983 but is recognised only by Ankara. Turkey has 29,000 troops in the north, according to UN estimates.

Perez de Cuellar wants a meeting without preconditions to set up talks on reunifying the 9,250 sq km (3,600 sq mile) island.

Vassiliou has accepted the proposal and Denktash has declared himself ready for a meeting. But Greek Cypriots say he has not yet answered officially.

"I have accepted a meeting for substantive talks... I hope we will go to Geneva," Vassiliou told reporters this week.

He said he hoped Denktash would answer positively. "Our desire is to solve the Cyprus problem as soon as possible... we know there is a long way ahead."

Political opponents, including former President Spyros Kyprianou, have attacked Vassiliou for accepting a meeting without prior discussion of three issues the Greek Cypriots see as vital.

These are the withdrawal of Turkish troops and settlers, international guarantees for any

pact, and freedom of movement and property ownership for each community in the whole island.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz sparked angry demonstrations in the south with an official visit to the breakaway north last week.

Yilmaz said he had invited Denktash to visit Ankara from July 4 to 6 for talks at the highest level before the proposed meeting with Vassiliou. It would be the first between Cypriot leaders since talks collapsed between Kyprianou and Denktash in 1983.

Yilmaz said Turkey and north Cyprus were united on policies.

"We expect the leaders of the southern Cyprus Greek-Cypriot administration to understand the realities and adopt a similar constructive and positive approach," he said.

But some Western political sources said Turkish Cypriots seemed on the defensive since the Greek and Turkish prime ministers in January embarked on a course to improve relations.

**Contacts**

New passport regulations introduced by the north have effectively stopped already minimal contacts with Greek Cypriots. Verbal attacks by Denktash and other Turkish Cypriot leaders against the commander of the 2,100-strong UN peace-keeping force have themselves been criticised.

Perez de Cuellar, in his report to the Security Council, noted "abuse" directed against Austrian General Gunther Greindl. He expressed full support for Greindl and urged Turkey to pull out some of its troops.

A Western diplomat said a 1986 draft UN accord, which the Greek side rejected, had effectively been shelved with the latest invitation to talks without preconditions.

"Denktash's statements are undiplomatic and hard to understand," the diplomat said. He said he doubted whether Denktash wanted a settlement.

Denktash for his part has said Vassiliou is destroying the hopes of the Turkish side.

"He only represents the Greek Cypriot people and that must accept the existence of the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus and its people if he wishes to unite Cyprus," he said recently.

## Manigat supporters blame:

## US contributed to Haiti coup

By John Reichek

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): The United States undercut the efforts of ousted Haiti President Leslie Manigat to consolidate power and thus contributed to the coup this week, his supporters say.

Manigat said on Thursday his government would have had a better chance against the military and more popular support if he had had access to US aid.

"We would have changed the political panorama more quickly and democracy would have resulted stronger in the face of the danger of the military," he said in Santo Domingo.

Washington cut off \$70 million in annual economic aid after presidential elections last November were aborted when 34 people were massacred at the polls.

It never restored the aid when Manigat was elected in military elections in January and seemed even less inclined to do so after a leading Haitian officer was indicted on drug trafficking charge in Miami in March.

**Coup**

But even after Monday's coup by Lieutenant General Henri Namphy, Washington apparently is not closer to its objective of getting its hands on the indicted officer, Colonel Jean-Claude Paul.

"It looks to me that the question of Paul was more important to the United States than democracy," said a Haitian politician close to Manigat.

He said Manigat, in his handling of the Paul affair, did not want to be a puppet of the military or of the United States. The politician asked not to be identified.

Manigat, who was widely perceived to be the Army's choice in

elections held last January, was overthrown in a gun battle at the presidential palace and later deported to the Dominican Republic.

Paul, commander of a battalion based in Haiti's capital, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Miami on March 9 on charges of conspiring to smuggle cocaine into the United States.

Manigat's government, however, refused to take action against Paul, who was viewed as a Manigat supporter. The deposed leader claimed Washington had not substantiated the charges or presented a formal extradition request.

**Rigged**

Manigat, a political scientist, took office in February after the elections a month earlier that were widely believed to have been rigged in his favour by the military.

Eduard Plou, chargé d'affaires in Washington for Manigat's government, said it may not have been fully democratic, but it was a government of democrats, committed to a transition to democracy.

"This was a window of opportunity to democracy that Haiti may not find again," he said in asking Washington and democratic nations to isolate Namphy.

Federal drug agents have long viewed the Caribbean nation, which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, as a busy way station for cocaine and marijuana shipments to the United States from Latin America.

But in addition to its concern for drug-trafficking, Washington has pressured Haiti to make progress toward democracy since the 1986 ouster of dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier.

## A new chapter begins for the war-ravaged country

## Afghanistan's future history may be written in blood

By Bryan Wilder

ISLAMABAD, (AP): With the Soviet military withdrawal from Afghanistan, a new chapter begins for the war-ravaged country. Like the previous one, it too may be written in blood.

For with the Soviets gone, the division between Afghan Marxism and Islam, the predominant religion, becomes even sharper and the prospect of even bloodier fighting is heightened.

On the sidelines in Pakistan and Iran are more than 5 million Afghan war refugees waiting to go back home in what will be largest mass movement of people since World War II.

Afghans of all persuasions agree that 10 years of civil war, the past eight with Soviet involvement, have changed their country forever.

Leaders of the Muslim insurgent groups based at Peshawar in Pakistan have vowed to continue fighting until they topple the Marxist government in Kabul, the capital, and proclaim Afghanistan an Islamic republic.

**Influence**

The Afghan communists appear confident they can hold their own even with the Soviet military gone. While Soviet armed might is leaving, Moscow's influence remains strong in the capital of the nation that sits strategically at the Soviet Union's southern underbelly.

In a curious accord signed this spring in Geneva, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to continue arming their respective clients until either side stops.

The April 14 agreement set the guidelines for some 103,000 Soviet troops to pull out of Afghanistan from May 15 to Feb 15, 1989.

Pakistan, which has served as conduit for mainly US arms to the guerrillas, pledged with Kabul not to interfere in each

others' affairs but to work for the safe return of the refugees camped in Pakistan and Iran.

"The Geneva accord is not a peace accord in the real sense but it gives the Soviet Union a face-saving pretext to end its involvement in the war," explained a Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman on the usual condition of anonymity. "The rest is up to the Afghans themselves."

The people are a tapestry of tribes and clans who were accustomed to running their own affairs before the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan seized power in a bloody April 1978 coup.

It sparked a broad rebellion among devout Muslims, tribal warlords and merchants.

**Ill-suited**

Soviet troops, aircraft and armour arrived in December 1979 to replace one pro-Moscow government with another. They eventually learned at a price what the United States also learned in Vietnam: that even a superpower Army is ill-suited to fight a determined guerrilla war.

Eight years of experience and growing arms supplies from the United States, China and Saudi Arabia have whipped the so-called mujahedeen rebels into a feared fighting force. They have learned to operate US Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and other sophisticated weapons.

The mujahedeen, or holy warriors, already have scored a series of successes since the Soviet Army started its march home. The victories came mainly in the border regions of eastern Afghanistan where Kabul's security forces were left behind.

Since the signing of the treaty, the mujahedeen have taken nearly 100 Soviet-Afghan security posts, Western and guerrilla sources say, most of which have never been in control.

Nevertheless, Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad say their missions in Kabul have received reports of major construction under way at Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province just 36 miles (60 km) from the Soviet border.

"New intensive construction activity sponsored by the (ruling) party has lent some credence to claims the PDPA might attempt to establish a fallback position in the north should it be unable to hold Kabul," said a statement from one Western embassy.

Most foreign observers predict the absence of the Soviets will unleash an armed power struggle on both sides of the conflict.

Najib's own party is bitterly split between his Parcham (Banner) Wing and the Khalq (Masses) faction which dominates the police and military. Even the Parchamites are divided between Najib supporters and those of former leader Babrak Karmal, whom Najib replaced in May 1986 ostensibly for health reasons.

In Peshawar, the seven major mujahedeen parties are split between Muslim revolutionaries and moderate traditionalists.

Their leaders are known to have argued to the point of drawing guns on each other, although in public they put up a united front.

**Elections**

A third factor is the rival guerrilla groups inside Afghanistan, who have a reputation for occasional internecine clashes.

Some observers believe the coming months will show how much loyalty guerrillas in the field have toward their Pakistan-based political leaders, some of whom have never been in combat.

Despite differences, the mujahedeen alliance has formed its own Afghan "government" based on the tenets of Islam.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, head of the radical Hezb-i-Islami group, said the new government is preparing to set up the mountains west of Kabul.

He and other mujahedeen leaders stress that because they

are Sunni Muslims their government would not be comparable to the Shiite-run government of Iran.

Pir Syed Gailani, moderate leader of the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan, succeeded Hekmatyar on June 15 as rotating chairman of the seven-party mujahedeen alliance. They have since named a 14-member cabinet of all-guerrilla interim government and called for elections among the "liberated areas" and refugee camps in Pakistan by Sept. 19.

Whoever finally emerges the victor may rule a largely apathetic people.

In addition to the Afghans' tradition of local control, they will be occupied with a massive reconstruction of their homes, farms and public works.

**Exodus**

Some Afghans living in sunbaked refugee camps in Pakistan have begun trickling home to areas controlled by the guerrillas. But mujahedeen and foreign observers agree that the exodus probably will begin in earnest one year from now.

Hekmatyar, in a recent meeting with Western private aid groups, named four conditions for the safe return of refugees:

"The withdrawal of all Russian forces, fall of Najib's government, removal of all possibilities of war and defusing of all antipersonnel mines," he said.

The bearded, turbaned Hekmatyar estimated that 5.5 million land mines planted by Soviet-Afghan troops litter the countryside from its fertile valleys to its craggy mountains. Western diplomats believe the figure is closer to 3 million.

International Red Cross hospitals along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan report an alarming increase in mine-related injuries.

The UN High Commissioner

nomination battle, is offered the vice-presidential nomination.

But offering Jackson the number two spot, an honour the civil rights leaders say he has earned in the primaries, appears to present other problems. Jackson is disliked by many Americans and polls show a Dukakis-Jackson ticket would lose to Republican George Bush in the Nov. 8 election.

Dukakis' black backers predict their man will ultimately win over unhappy Jackson supporters who will opt for Dukakis rather than four more years of Republican government.

Dukakis says he hears that same message.

"They all want to win. They don't want another four years of what they've had for the past eight," Dukakis says when asked if he will lose black support unless Jackson is his running mate.

**Tariffed**

Campaign secretary Joseph Warren, Dukakis' chief liaison with the black community, said this of his fellow blacks:

"Those people are terrified of Bush. They see the start of a reversal (under President Reagan) of all the civil rights gains of the past 30 years back to the separate but equal doctrine and they are afraid Bush won't change that."

But Mel King, a community

## Taiwan party congress

## Democracy on trial

By Andrew Browne

TAIPEI, (Reuter): Democracy is on trial in Taiwan as the ruling Nationalist Party prepares for a congress next week to chart the course of the island's political and economic future.

The 13th party congress will determine whether the 2.5-million-member party will sink or swim with the tides of democratic change that have swept Taiwan since the last full session in 1981.

Before died in January, President Chiang Ching-Kuo unleashed the forces of democracy after almost four decades of strongman rule under himself and his father, the late Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

His successor, Lee Teng-Hui, is left with a party floundering to respond to change, its top ranks packed with Chiang family retainers who arrived from China with the defeated Nationalist government in 1949.

"We have to get to know the feelings of society. We are under pressure from the electorate," said Lin Yuan-Lang, one of a new generation of young elected Nationalist legislators that is changing the face of the party.

By Nejla Sammakia

AKUADIM, Western Sahara, (AP): Leaders and guerrilla fighters of the Polisario Independence Movement are privately conceding that they have little hope of military victory in their 12-year-old desert war against Morocco.

But while the military stalemate over the western Sahara continues and guerrilla leaders begin to talk of compromise, refugees in the tecning Polisario camps remain keyed up for war. Army training begins in primary school and signs defiantly proclaim "the entire nation or martyrdom."

**Defeat**

Since 1980, Morocco, which claims the western Sahara and controls much of it, has built a 1,500-mile (2,400-km) defensive wall of rock and sand, studded with concrete bunkers and American-made sensors around the Moroccan zone. Almost the entire 100,000-man Moroccan Army is deployed along the wall, and guerrilla attacks inside the 70,000 square-mile (about 150,000 square-km) Moroccan-controlled territory have virtually stopped.

Talking to visiting Western reporters, Polisario guerrillas admit their bitter "liberation struggle" has degenerated into a series of brief hit-and-run

assaults on Moroccan defenses.

Bachir Say

By Patricia A. Taylor

NORTHAM, E. Sussex, England: It's encouraging to know that three of England's greatest gardens were created largely by amateurs.

Great Dixter in E. Sussex, Sissinghurst in Kent, and Hidcote in Gloucestershire consist of a series of outdoor "rooms": these are relatively small spaces enclosed by green hedges or rustic stone walls and filled with groupings of colourful flowers and shrubs — which will begin blooming soon.

The overall settings are spectacular. But because the gardens consist of manageable divisions, they offer practical suggestions for those with even the tiniest of flower beds. All provide sumptuous scenery for gardeners and non-gardeners alike.

Great Dixter, eight miles north of Rye, is still being fashioned by Christopher Lloyd, one of its creators. Lloyd is a connoisseur collector of plants who loves to test new hybrids and play with colour combinations. This gardener is also a premier writer, describing his garden's triumphs and failures in books, columns and articles.

Great Dixter's design was laid out almost 50 years ago by Edwin Lutyens, a turn-of-the-century architect whose influence on garden structure is still felt today. At the time Sir Edwin began to practice, garden style dictated vast panoramas of field and woodland.

He proceeded to reduce this scope and reintroduced the concept of formal design, using the roomlike divisions that had been popular from Roman through Tudor times. In doing so, he made it possible for those with smaller plots of land to aspire to artistic achievement in the garden.

## Distinct

At Great Dixter, Lutyens laid out 18 distinct compartments. These were filled with topiary, a typical accompaniment to a "room garden," and then planted by Lloyd's mother. It was she who filled one "room" with antique roses and who had young Christopher help her plant the meadow garden with a splash of bulbs and wild flowers.

While Lloyd has left some of his mother's plantings intact, other "garden rooms" at Great...

## Exotic topiary, outdoor 'rooms', cozy gazebos Creating art in a garden



Topiary in the shape of teapots flank this path in the Blue Garden.

Dixter form a hothouse of horticultural experimentation. This laboratory aspect can best be appreciated in the famous Long Border, a brilliant tapestry of plants measuring 70 yards in length and five in depth.

Best seen from the month of June on through the summer months, this magnificent garden planting is an ever-changing, riotous colour mixture of perennials, annuals, bulbs, small shrubs and even trees — something to be seen?

In contrast to the evolving plantings at Great Dixter, those at Sissinghurst — less than an hour's drive to the northwest — are a static but living monument to Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson.

The diaries and letters of this couple (particularly as depicted in the book "Portrait of a Marriage") have chronicled their non-traditional, but highly cultured and literate lives. However, their pettysairs can be boring and make one wonder what was so special about this man and woman.

A visit to Sissinghurst sup-

plies the answer. It is a stunning

work of art, created by two individuals who had no formal horticultural training.

They acquired Sissinghurst in 1930. It consisted of some ruined buildings and rubble-strewn fields. "I saw what might be made of it," Sackville-West wrote. "It was Sleeping Beauty's garden ... a garden crying out for rescue." The two were to spend the next 30 years creating that cry.

Harold Nicolson designed the garden, and she planted it. He favoured the formal approach advocated by Edwin Lutyens (a close friend of his mother-in-law), and created an austere geometric layout. He extended the concept of "room gardens" and used borders of clipped boxwood hedges to create "rooms" within "rooms" in many of the nine garden spaces.

Sackville-West then gave full play to her romantic impulses in planting her husband's design. She copied the old cottage garden style — lush, crowded arrangements of many different flowers — and added the idea of themes. Thus, she "created the White Garden,

described as "the most beautiful garden at Sissinghurst, and indeed of all England." Every flower in this garden — fragrant roses, woolly lambs' ears, dusty millers, and many more — is either white or gray.

Each "room" has its own

special motif. In early spring,

for example, the Lime Walk is garishly filled with the reds,

blues, yellows, and whites of

daffodils, forget-me-nots,

anemones, and bluebells.

This part of the garden then rests while others — such as the herb

and rose gardens — come into

their own in the warmer mon-

ths.

Sackville-West was protec-

tive of Sissinghurst. When it

was first proposed in 1954 that

she give the garden to the

National Trust, she vehemently

wrote in her diary, "Never,

never, never!" But when she

died in 1962, the family coul-

dn't afford to pay the estate

taxes, and the property came

under Trust auspices.

The enigmatic creator of

Hidcote, Lawrence Johnston, on the other hand, was the first

person to donate such a

property to the National Trust.

He did so in 1948, packed up his baggage and his dachshunds, and moved to southern France, leaving England and his magnificent garden forever.

Johnston is always referred to as "the American," but he was so in parentage only. He was born and raised in Paris, and attended Cambridge University. Johnston became a British citizen in 1900 and acquired Hidcote in 1907, when he was 36.

## Surroundings

There was nothing surrounding the hilltop Cotswold mansion, 35 miles northwest of Oxford, but simple farm land. Out of this, Johnston fashioned a masterpiece.

One of Hidcote's charms is that individual flower varieties are planted in small groups and then surrounded with grandiose atmospheres. Thus, the Pillar Garden is enclosed by immense sculptured pillars of yew, while one of its borders is a simple mixture of mock orange shrubs, purple lavender, and yucca plants.

As Sackville-West wrote in 1949, the 21 or so gardens at Hidcote appeal "alike to the advanced gardener in search of rare or interesting plants, and on the aesthetic side to the mere lover of beauty." Where Johnston got his ideas from and why he implemented them as he did are mysteries.

He had money, which always helps. And as his passion for gardening grew, he became more knowledgeable — going on plant expeditions to South Africa in 1927 and China in 1931, and creating his own hybrids, such as Hidcote Lavender. Though he treasured, indeed insisted upon his privacy, he entertained many of the beau monde. He is supposed to have designed Edith Wharton's Paris garden.

Under National Trust sponsorship, Hidcote's beauty is scrupulously maintained. In addition to its exotic topiary and theme borders, it features sweeping lawns, meandering streams, brick walks, a raised pool, and cozy gazebos. From spring through fall, there is always something of interest for even the most casual of visitors. It is somewhat ironic, however, to realize that this grandest of English "room gardens" was created by a man with an American inheritance and a French background.

1988. The Christian Science Monitor.



The Syrian rose, one of the East's most important roses, is in slow retreat as residents of Damascus favour cheaper imports.

## Rosa Damascena in peril

By Issam Hamza

than three million people, much garden space has been taken over by new homes.

Roman Army captured the settlement.

Some experts say the name Damascus' derives from the Latin 'duo muscos' or double musk and was given to the city because of the heady smell of its flowers and gardens.

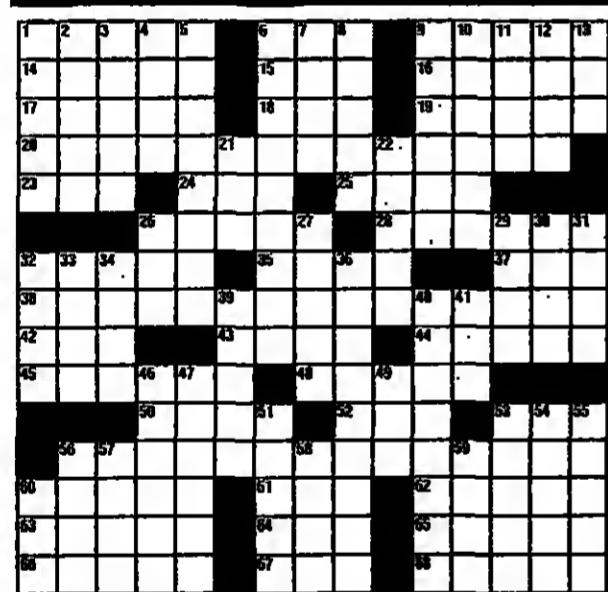
The rose, however, has a powerful ally in Major-General Tlas, who joined the fight for its survival by producing a book titled 'Rosa Damascena' with photographs of Syria's roses.

"Despite my devotion and attachment to the gun, the rose did not disappear from my eye for a second," Tlas wrote in the introduction to his book.

"When the Tourism Ministry held its first flower fair in Damascus, I was among the first to come with my second weapon, the camera."

His book features hundreds of photographs of flowers taken by him throughout Syria and Tlas says the Damascene rose is one of the East's most important roses.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1. Toothed wheels
- 6. Obstinate one
- 9. — of one's eye
- 14. Odalisque's home
- 15. Moon jumper?
- 16. Punctuation mark
- 17. Type of acid
- 18. Samuel's teacher
- 19. Social rank
- 20. Put someone's —; irritate
- 23. Chemistry suffix
- 24. Attempt
- 25. Examine
- 26. Donahue and namesakes
- 28. Mans the wheel
- 32. Talus
- 35. Goodies for a spread
- 37. Court
- 38. Source of constant irritation
- 42. Sass
- 43. Ralph: — Australian pediatrician
- 44. Rodeo necessity
- 45. Eyelike spots on peacock feathers
- 48. M'A'S'H role
- 50. Kiln
- 52. Sound of rebuke
- 53. Total
- 56. Irritate
- 60. Scroll of the Pentateuch
- 61. Hawaiian wreath
- 62. Please greatly
- 63. Egg-shaped
- 64. Resinous substance
- 65. More confident

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

BAPT	PANSY	DRAFT
OPRY	IRATE	REDO
BEER	NAOIA	AMOK
JOHNBARRYMORE		
FSL	OAS	EATEN
CAODY	ARMED	EDS
ARGD	INDIANS	
GEORGECUSTTER	ROOSTED	AXES
ASS	ARTE	LYCEE
BLIND	BAY	IKE
JAMES	JCDRBETT	
EVILL	ARRAY	HILD
CCELL	MEANS	END
TREY	BERDS	DIGLE

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦Q76 ♦93 ♦K10 ♦A10873

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ ?

What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AK10762 ♦AJ93 ♦72 ♦6

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass

? What action do you take?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦83 ♦QJ762 ♦Q106 ♦J73

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 ♦ Pass ? What action do you take?

What action do you take?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AK2 ♦98 ♦J76 ♦QJ632

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 ♦ Pass ? What do you bid now?

Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦9 ♦AQ106 ♦AQJ6 ♦J985

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three hearts. What action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦9853 ♦762 ♦AK852 ♦8

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

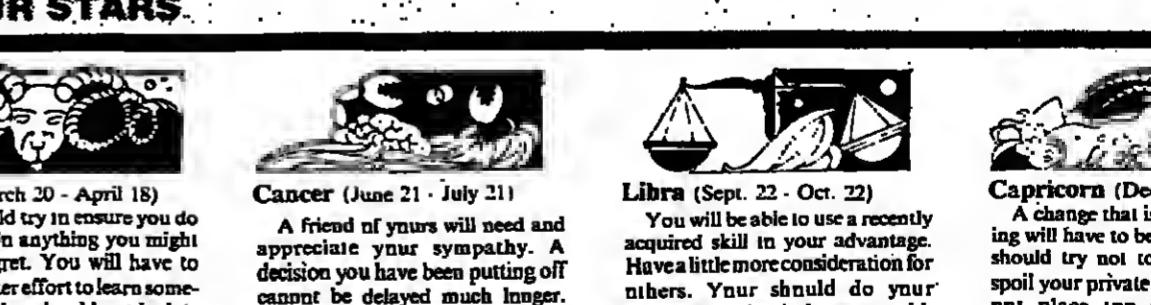
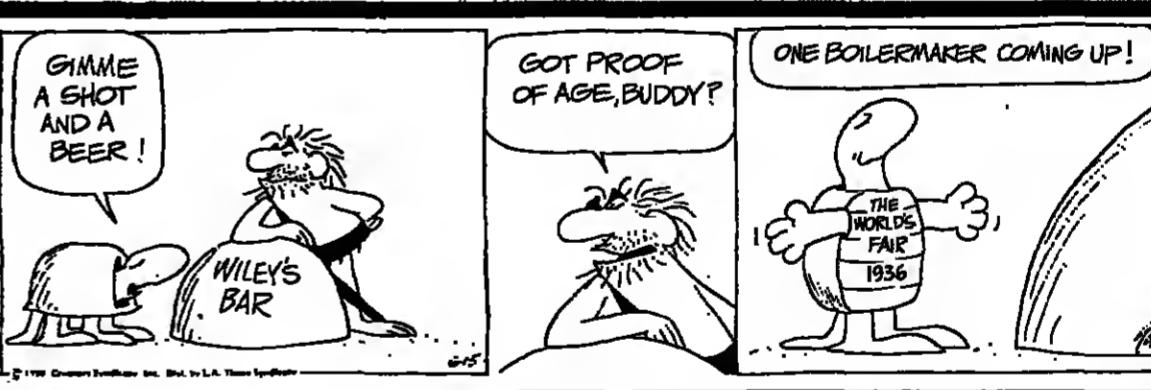
2 ♦ Pass ? What action do you take?

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will find it easier to make up your mind. You will tend to be rather dejected and should do what you can to cheer yourself up. Avoid doing the first thing that comes to your mind. Be reasonable.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to use a recently acquired skill to your advantage.

Have a little more consideration for others.

You should do your utmost to maintain harmony with your partner. Be generous.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

A change that is not in your liking will have to be lived with. You

should try not to allow work in

to spoil your private life. You should

try to place too much trust in

someone you do not know all that well. Be loyal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Avoid relying too much on

## Dear Junior Readers,

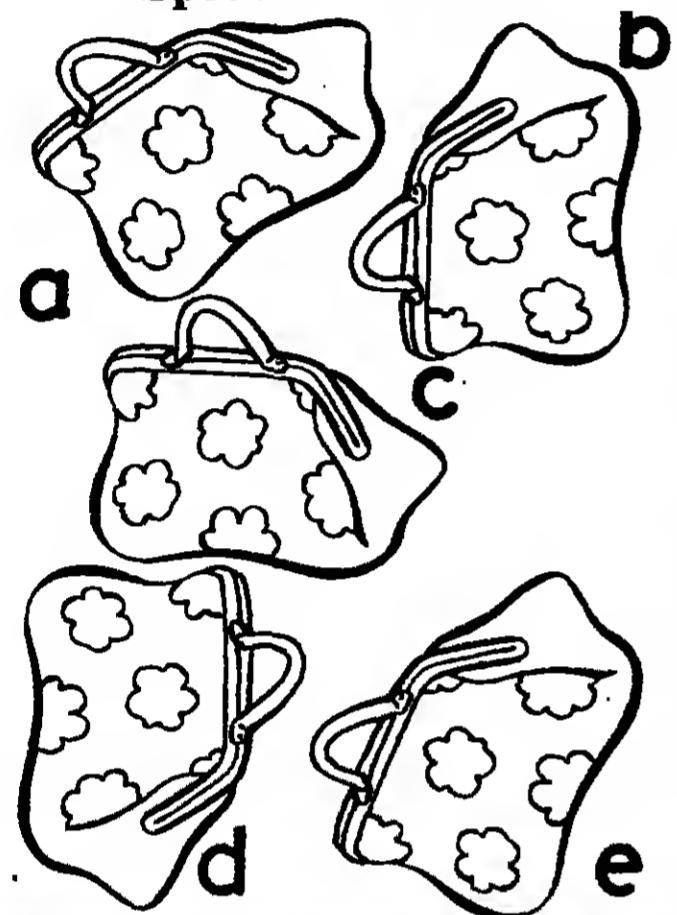
There is probably not one of us who has not at some time wished for more, better or different things. If we have five dresses, we still think we need another five; if we have a nice car, we want a nicer one; if we have straight hair, we want it curly; if we have curly hair, we want it straight! Most of the time, we understand that we cannot have the best of everything, but sometimes we feel jealous and that can make us sad and even angry because we cannot get what we want. We have to remember that the world is full of all kinds of different people and wherever we go, we will find someone who is richer and someone who is poorer; someone who is cleverer and someone who is not as clever; someone who is better-looking and someone who is not as good-looking.

We should all be thankful for what we have, because we all have something. I do not only mean the kind of things we can buy in shops. Your friend may have a personal computer, but can he play football as well as you can? Your parents' neighbours may have a bigger house, but are they as happy as your mum and dad? Your cousin may have a pretty face, but was she top of the class in the exams?

Be happy with what you have, what you can do and what you are and think of these things whenever you start to feel unhappy because you cannot have more, better or different.

Auntie Jayne

## Spot the difference



When the fish began to resemble modern varieties

In the days of the huge reptiles of 200 to 100 million years ago, life in the sea became very different. The armoured fish disappeared, perhaps destroyed by the voracious selachii, ancestors of the modern sharks.

The cartilaginous, or gristly fish (sharks, rays, chimaeras) whose skeletons are not made of bone but of a softer substance called cartilage, multiplied considerably and grew to enormous sizes. The bony fish then spread gradually, too, and branched out into a great variety of species.

Practically all the kinds of bony fish which inhabit the oceans today had already appeared about 100 million years ago and there has been little change in them since. There are more species of bony fish in the world than of any other vertebrate animal; 30,000 is probably an underestimate. They vary greatly in structure as well as in size and colour.

## When the Great Age of Reptiles began

Dinosaurs were gigantic reptiles which lived on the Earth in the Mesozoic Era of nearly 100 million years. They had evolved from the small amphibians who had so laboriously left the sea in the Devonian and Carboniferous Periods.

As soon as some of the amphibians learned how to produce hard-shelled eggs, they were able to do without the water where

## When life began



they had originally been compelled to lay their eggs. That was when the first reptiles were born and it happened about 300 million years ago, in the Carboniferous Period of the Palaeozoic Era.

The first reptile was probably the Seymouria, quite a small animal. A geological expedition in 1969 discovered that it had spread as far as the area which is now the South Pole. The most ancient reptiles also included the lizards and snakes of today—both derived from the same ancestor.

Some of the major groups of animals which have come down to the present day therefore have their forerunners in the start of the Mesozoic Era. Even the mammals have a direct ancestor in those far-off days. It was the Cynognathus, which was probably the first animal to have warm blood in its veins.

The reptiles quickly multiplied all over the Earth, splitting up into numerous different groups. One of the most important was that of the small Saltoposuchus, the first reptile capable of walking on its hind-legs. When the largest reptiles became extinct About 75 million years

ago, almost without warning, the largest reptiles disappeared from the face of the Earth. The rock strata formed in later periods do not contain a single fossil of these animals. What brought about such an unexpected disappearance? How could the huge dinosaurs, who had dominated the Earth undisputed for nearly 100 million years, suddenly vanish without a trace?

Scientists have often tried to explain what happened, but none of their suggestions seem wholly convincing, although there are three which are more acceptable than the rest.

Firstly, the change of climate. As many mountain chains were lifted up the climate changed completely. The differences in the seasons became very noticeable and the dinosaurs, used to an even temperature, succumbed to the cold, dry weather.

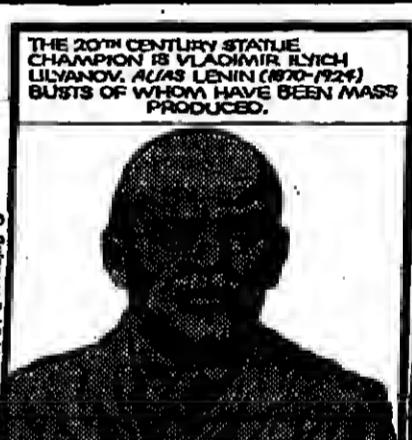
Secondly, the evolution of the plants. The forests became overgrown by large, wood-trunked trees which replaced the herbaceous plants. As these had been the dinosaurs' favourite food, they died of hunger.

Thirdly, the appearance of the rodent mammals. These small, intelligent animals, began to feed on the dinosaurs' eggs. The dinosaurs did not protect their eggs after they had laid them and buried them, and so the eggs were easy prey for these little animals. They gnawed at so many dinosaurs' eggs that they made the giants extinct.

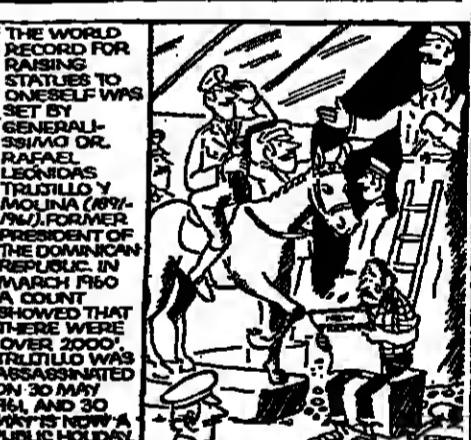
## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



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Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

## Crack the code

Inspector Cluefinder has just discovered this secret message left behind by an international spy. Using the secret code printed below, see if you can work out what the message says. Fill in the boxes as you go along.

A = B	J = K	S = T
B = C	K = L	T = U
C = D	L = M	U = V
D = E	M = N	V = W
E = F	N = O	W = X
F = G	O = P	X = Y
G = H	P = Q	Y = Z
H = I	Q = R	Z = A
I = J	R = S	

S	G	D	O	Z	B	J	Z	F	D	H	R

V	Z	H	S	H	M	F	H	M	K	N	M	C	N	M

H	M	R	O	D	B	S	N	O	B	K	T	D	E	H	M	C	D	O	H	R

Z	E	S	D	O	L	D	R	N	H	'L	N	E	E

Now write your own name in code in the space below.

Solution on Tuesday



## The blue light



## By the Brothers Grimm

A SOLDIER had served a king his master many years, till at last he was dismissed without pay or reward. How he should earn his living he did not know, so he set out and journeyed homeward all day in a very downcast mood until in the evening he came to the edge of a deep wood. As the road led that way, he pushed forward, but had not gone far before he saw a light glimmering through the trees, towards which he made his way, and soon came to a hut where no one lived but an old witch. The poor fellow begged for a night's lodging and something to eat and drink; but she would listen to nothing; however, he was not easily got rid of, and at last she said, 'I think I will take pity on you this once; but if I do you must dig over all my garden for me in the morning.' The soldier agreed very willingly to anything she asked, and he became her guest.

The next day he kept his word and dug the garden very neatly. The job lasted all day, and in the evening, when his mistress would have sent him away, he said, 'I am so tired of my work that I must beg you to let me stay another night.' The old lady vowed at first she would not do any such thing, but after a great deal of talk he carried his point, agreeing to chop up a whole cart-load of wood for her the next day.

This task too was duly ended, but not till towards night; and then he found himself so tired, that he begged a third night's rest. And this too was given, but only on his pleading his word that the next day he would fetch the witch the blue light that burnt at the bottom of the well.

When morning came she led him to the well's

mouth, tied him to a long rope, and let him down. At the bottom sure enough he found the blue light as the witch had said, and at once made the signal for her to draw him up again. But when she had pulled him up so near to the top that she could reach him with her hands, she said: 'Give me the light, I will take care of it,' — meaning to play him a trick by taking it for herself and letting him fall again to the bottom of the well.

But the soldier saw through her wicked thoughts, and said: 'No, I shall not give you the light till I find myself safe and sound out of the well.' At this she became very angry, and dashed him, with the light she had longed for many years, down to the bottom. And there lay the poor soldier for a while in despair, on the damp mud below, and feared that his end had come. But his pipe happened to be in his

pocket still half-full, and he thought to himself, 'I may as well make an end of smoking you out; it is the last pleasure I shall have in this world.' So he lit at the blue light, and began to smoke.

Up rose a cloud of smoke, and suddenly a peculiar black dwarf was seen making his way through the midst of it.

'What do you want with me, soldier?' said he. 'I have no business with you,' he answered. But the dwarf said 'I am bound to serve you in everything, as lord and master of the blue light.'

'Then first of all be so good as to help me out of this well.' No sooner said than done: the dwarf took him by the hand and drew him up and the blue light of course with him. 'Now do me another piece of kindness,' said the soldier. 'Pray let that old lady take my place in the well.' When the dwarf had done this,

rather a dangerous task,' said the dwarf. But away he went, took the princess out of her bed, fast asleep as she was, and brought her to the soldier.

Very early in the morning he carried her back; and as soon as she saw her father, she said, 'I had a strange dream last night: I thought I was carried away through the air to a soldier's house, and there I waited upon him as his servant.' Then the king wondered greatly at such a story, but told her to make a hole in her pocket and fill it with peas, so that if it were really as she said, and the whole was not a dream, the peas might fall out in the streets as she passed through, and leave a clue to tell where she had been taken. She did so; but the dwarf had heard the king's plot; and when evening came, and the soldier said bethurst bring him the princess again, he strewed peas over several of the streets, so that the few that fell from her pocket were not known from the others; and the people amused themselves all the next day picking up peas, and wondering where so many came from.

When the princess told her father what had happened to her the second time, he said, 'Take one of your shoes with you, and hide it in the room you are taken to.' The dwarf heard this also; and when the soldier told him to bring the king's daughter again he said, 'I cannot save you this time; it will be unlucky for you if you are found out—as I think you will.' But the soldier would have his own way. 'Then you must take care and make the best of your way out of the city gate very early in the morning.'

The princess kept one shoe on her as her father bid her, and hid it in the soldier's room. And when

she got back to her father, he ordered it to be sought for all over the town, and at last it was found where she had hid it. The soldier had run away, it is true, but he had been too slow, and was soon caught and thrown into a strong prison. What was worse, in the hurry of his flight, he had left behind his great treasure, the blue light and all his gold, and had only one coin in his pocket.

As he was standing very sorrowful at the prison grating, he saw one of his comrades, and calling out to him said, 'If you will bring a little bundle I left to the inn, I will give you a silver coin.' His comrade thought this very good pay for such a job: so he went away, and soon came back bringing the blue light and the gold. Then the soldier soon lit his pipe: up rose the smoke, and with it came his old friend the little dwarf. 'Do not fear, master,' said he: 'Keep up your heart at your trial and leave everything to take its course; only mind to take the blue light with you.' The trial soon came. The prisoner was found guilty, and was ordered to be hanged on the gallows tree.

But as he was let out, he said he had one favour to get of the king. 'What is it?' said His Majesty. 'That you will let me smoke one pipe on the road.' 'Two, if you like,' said the king. Then he lit his pipe at the blue light, and the black dwarf was before him in a moment. 'Be so good as to kill, slay, or put to flight all these people,' said the soldier, 'and as for the king, you may cut him into three pieces.' Then the dwarf began to lay about him, and soon got rid of the crowd: but the king begged hard for mercy, and to save his life, agreed to let the soldier have his wife for his wife, and to make him his heir.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kuwait stock market budget approved

KUWAIT's Commerce and Industry Minister and Chairman of the Stock Exchange Market Committee Faisal Al Khaled said the market's budget for the coming fiscal year was approved by the committee yesterday.

The minister said, in a statement to KUNA, that the committee agreed to register the National Investment Company at the market as of July 9.

Al Khaled said that companies wishing to be part of the bourse must have a capital of no less than KD 5 million, and the committee can exclude any company which its activities do not require that kind of capital.

In order to be eligible for registration with the market, companies must have been in existence for no less than three years and has issued at least three audited budgets.

He added that the company's

board of directors must agree to its enlistment with the market and it submits the approval of the specialised government institution if it performs activities of special nature.

Moreover, the company must have realised an average profit of six per cent during the past three years and has distributed cash dividends of no less than five per cent in the last year preceding the registration unless this condition was exempted by the committee.

The company should vow to increase its capital by 10 per cent or more in case it was accepted in the market and that old shareholders concede their right of subscription in the company's surplus shares.

Companies with capitals of KD 10 million and more and with no less than 200 stockholders are exempted from the above condition.

## Cabinet declares support for Oteiba's oil policy

## UAE calls for higher production quota

ABU DHABI, June 27. (AP): The government of the UAE today declared support for Oil Minister Mansa Saeed Oteiba's oil policy, including a call for a hike in the country's OPEC-decreed production quota.

The official news agency WAM said that, at its weekly meeting, the cabinet "reassessed the firm oil policy of the UAE especially the stand regarding production and prices, which was declared by the minister of petroleum and mineral resources following the OPEC sessions held in Vienna."

Oteiba had declared after the June 11-14 ministerial sessions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that the UAE's quota of 948,000 barrels a day was too low.

"Our official quota is 1.5 million barrels per day," he

UAE minister said at the time. Oteiba had also recapitulated extensively on the inter-OPEC deliberations across the years, saying that Saudi Arabia, the leading OPEC member, has promised his country a 1.5-million-barrel quota since the early 1980's.

Industry sources said the UAE consistently produces more than its OPEC quota and for some of last year was producing more than 1.5 million BPD.

The cabinet made its statement after discussing a report by Oteiba on the Vienna conference, which ended with all states agreeing to abide by their existing quotas until the end of this year.

Oteiba said after the conference that the UAE would seek to raise its quota at OPEC's next meeting in November.

In an interview in Rabat with Moroccan Television, he said the UAE deserved a higher quota because of the size of its reserves, which he put at 220 billion barrels.

The government had previously put reserves at 97 billion barrels, which oil industry sources said was an optimistic figure.

Saudi criticism of Oteiba's statements and a revamping of oil administration in Abu Dhabi had spurred speculation that the UAE oil minister's position was weakening.

Oil sources interpreted the UAE cabinet's statement as an implicit denial of such speculation.

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### Revamping

The revamping had involved closure of the Abu Dhabi petroleum department which he chaired and transforming it into a newly created supreme oil council over which he was named a minister.

The council is headed by the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

"The statement strengthened Oteiba's position as one of the oil policy makers in the UAE," said an oil industry official.

## World Business Summary

### Agip completes offshore oil production project

LAGOS, June 27. (OPECNA): Agip Energy and Natural Resources of Nigeria has completed construction work on its first offshore production project. According to company managing director Domenico Esposito, the jacket and top-side facilities of the \$375-million project will be installed this week.

Addressing journalists after they were taken round the Agbara oilfield, about 60 km southwest of Brass in Rivers State, he said crude production would begin as soon as the current drilling programme was complete. He said the top-side facilities would include living quarters, oil flow stations and all necessary production equipment. The company was also preparing to lay a 30.5 km submarine pipeline to transport oil from the site to Brass for storage and export. According to Esposito, the oilfield holds reserves of around 60 million barrels and will be capable of producing 40,000 B/D. The jacket was constructed in Nigeria by 50 Nigerian engineers and technicians. All other activities, including design work, were conducted by Nigerian engineers together with a number of expatriates.

### Ten aid agencies committed \$25 billion in 13 years

VIENNA, June 27. (OPECNA): Over the last 13 years, the lending commitment of the 10 aid institutions forming the Co-ordination Group — Arab aid institutions, OPEC Fund and Islamic Development Bank — reached over \$25 billion at the end of 1987. Less than 50 per cent of this amount went to Arab countries and the rest to countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The aid assistance went to finance infrastructure, agriculture and livestock, industry and mining. In an interview with OPECNA, co-ordination secretary Khogail Abubakr said the group was formally set up in 1975 and its secretariat was assigned to the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. The group includes four multilateral development institutions and six national development funds.

The first category is made up of the OPEC Fund for International Development, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa and the Islamic Development Bank. The second consists of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Iraqi Fund for External Development, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Qatar Development Account, the Libyan Arab Foreign Investment Company and the Saudi Fund for Development. The group, he said, started first with five Arab aid agencies — namely, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Iraqi Fund for External Development, the Kuwait Fund for Economic Development and the Saudi Fund for Development.

On the meeting here last week with EEC representatives, Abubakr, who is also head of technical assistance and co-ordination at the Arab Fund, said the group co-operated with the EEC in the 66 countries belonging to the ACP (Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific) group. So far, seven meetings have been held between the two sides, during which deliberations concentrated on the exchange of experience, operational activities and information on projects financing in developing countries.

### Iraqi Oil Tanker Company draws up staff training plan

BAGHDAD, June 27. (OPECNA): The Iraqi Oil Tanker Company (IOTC) has drawn up an extensive training programme to build the skills of its national staff who now account for 87 per cent of its total personnel strength. A spokesman of the company said here yesterday that the number of Iraqi personnel had grown steadily over the past 15 years. Today, four of its 15 captains are nationals. The training programme is aimed at enabling the company to compete with other major oil tanker companies. Established in April 1972, about six weeks before the oil industry was nationalised, the company was intended to become an integral part of the national oil sector.

Iraq signed an agreement with Spain in 1970 to build seven tankers, each of 36,000 deadweight tonnes (DWT). Another eight tankers with DWT ranging between 118,000 and 155,000 joined the fleet in the mid-1970s following agreements with Japanese and Swedish companies. This marked IOTC's entry into the world tanker market. The loading capacity of the 15 tankers which Iraq possessed until 1986 totalled 1.40 million DWT. They not only carried Iraqi crude but also performed the same service for many Arab and non-Arab countries.

## Cyprus launches campaign to attract foreign investment

NICOSIA, June 27. (AP): Cyprus launched a campaign today to attract foreign investment.

Central Bank Governor Afexentou told a news conference the emphasis was on the liberalisation introduced for investment opportunities and the simplification of procedures.

The campaign was coupled with an effort to transform the east Mediterranean island into an offshore business, banking and shipping management Centre.

Afexentou said the attractiveness of Cyprus "consists of its central geographical location, its multilateral economic ties, fully qualified professional and technical manpower, excellent professional services and communications, coupled with generous tax concessions."

He added that this was reflected by the steady influx of offshore companies which have risen to 4,800, with the registration of 250 new ones.

The number of offshore banking units stands at 16 following last week's registration of the Yugoslav, back Udruzeo Beogradsko Banks.

Afexentou said the offshore companies contribute 45 million Cyprus pounds (\$99 million) annually to the economy.

"The attraction of foreign investment and technology is one of the preconditions for the modernisation and improvement of the competitiveness of local production. This has become more imperative with the start of the procedure for Customs Union with the European Economic Community," Afexentou added.

Cyprus is the only country headed for complete customs union with the EEC following the signing of an agreement in January which envisaged a transition period of 10-15 years.

## Britain in the red by record amount

LONDON, June 27. (Reuters): Britain's current account balance of payments deficit soared to a record £1.21 billion (\$2.06 billion) in May, the government said today.

The gap, which measures imports and exports of goods as well as international payments for such services as banking, shipping and tourism, was twice as big as most economists had forecast.

"They are pretty terrible figures," said Robert Thomas, a senior economist at Loodwood Investment Bankers Greenwell Mootagu.

**Shorfall**  
The deficit was up by 66 per cent from an April shortfall of £28 million (£1.24 billion).

The Loodwood Stock Market's FTSE index of 100 blue-chip British stocks fell more than 20 points, going below 1,850. The pound fell 0.001 cent and two pence to trade at \$1.7050 and 3.11 West German marks.

The Department of Trade officials said imports of aircraft

Chances of opening share market remote

and precious stones were particularly high in May.

International payments for British services, including banking, financial services, shipping and for tourism, were unchanged in May at an estimated £500 million (£850 million).

Britain's oil exports fell by 13.5 per cent to £461 million (£786 million) in May.

**Shipments**

A big worry for Britain.

Greenwell Mootagu's Thomas was a decline in export shipments.

Exports fell by 4.6 per cent to £6.48 billion (£11.05 billion) in May.

But imports continued to climb. They were up 2.1 per cent to £18.9 billion (£13.96 billion) in May.

Economists say the import boom, largely fuelled by credit, could rekindle inflation.

"Inflation is headed up... we're talking about an underlying rate of 4.5 to 5 per cent now," said Thomas. The government had forecast a 1988 inflation

rate of 4.5 per cent in its latest budget, presented to March.

But some economists think the numbers were so far out of line with expectations that they are questioning the figures, especially on the export side.

Since the government collects duty on imports, but if anything must pay out rebates on taxes on some exports, its import figures tend to be more accurate than export statistics, some economists say.

They note that Britain's trade gap started widening at the same time that changes in the collection of customs data took effect in January.

The previous record monthly current account deficit, of £903 million (£1.54 billion), was reported in January.

The latest figures promise to fuel criticism of Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's economic policy.

A Treasury spokesman said the figures were a sign of a strong economy which was growing fast

than those of other major industrial nations.

## Activity in Kuwait Stock Exchange will increase, say experts

FINANCIAL experts believe that activity both in volume and prices of shares at the Kuwait Stock Exchange will increase and consequently encompass a larger number of joint stock companies.

In an interview with a local daily, reliable sources said that this "upswing" in the share market was attributed to the instant clearance system that is now being practised at the market. This new system facilitates a greater trading volume — resulting in a flurry of activity in the daily trading.

The sources disclosed that most dealers are now rushing to purchase shares of local banks after it was rumoured that these banks intended to buy their shares from the local market.

However, the situation is still unclear and it will be so for several more days until a more clear picture of trading emerges.

Investors said that in the improved share climate the government will be tempted to raise funds by selling off more shares in public sector companies, and major family corporations could follow suit.

But the potential for raising cash remains huge. The size of the recent offering have been very small compared to the amount of Saudi Arabia's private and public savings.

"It is still an extraordinary liquid economy," said one banker.

To tap this liquidity, the government is issuing development bonds for the first time this year, and the day Al Rajhi issue closed it received payments on its first 1.5 billion riyal (£400 million).

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In 1984 the government-owned petrochemicals conglomerate Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC) sold off 30 per cent of its capital in 2.04 billion riyal (£544 million) share flotation. Further SABIC sales, postponed because of an economic recession, may possibly be revived, bankers said.

## Latin American ministers urge for more action

OAXACA, Mexico, June 27. (Reuters): Latin American foreign ministers were winding up a two-day meeting yesterday with agreements that industrial nations need to make more concessions to developing countries despite promising signs at the Toronto summit.

The eight ministers planned to issue a communiqué today after they meet in Mexico City as the Cooptadora group and its support group. The Cooptadora countries, seeking peace in Central America, are the same as the Group of Eight.

Foreign Ministry officials said the communiqué would praise the Toronto summit of the seven major industrial democracies for its more open approach to foreign debt, but will press for recognition of co-responsibility to solving the six-year-old debt crisis.

### Reversing

Latin America must find ways of reversing the net transfer of its capital to industrial countries, estimated at \$150 billion in the last five years, mainly due to debt service, the officials said.

To Toronto last week, the seven nations agreed to a plan of debt relief options for 20 poor African states but offered nothing specific to ease Latin America's \$410 billion debt burden.

The ministers welcomed the positive aspects of the communiqué but stressed much remained to be done and hopefully measures on Latin American debt will be agreed next time," one official said.

The ministers are meeting here

as a follow-up to the first Latin American presidential summit in Acapulco last November and to prepare for the second such meeting in Puerto Del Este, Uruguay, next October.

Ministers taking part in Oaxaca are Dante Caputo of Argentina, Julio Londoño of Colombia, Bernardo Sepulveda of Mexico, Luis González Posadas of Peru, Luis Barrios Tassano of Uruguay and German Nava Carrillo of Venezuela.

### Imports

Brazil is represented by senior Foreign Ministry official Paulo Tarso Fletcher De Lima and Panama, the other member, was suspended following February's overthrow of President Eric Arturo Delvalle.

### Panamanian Foreign Minister

Jorge Ritter was to take part in today's Cooptadora meeting and officials said they expected Panama would be re-admitted to the Group of Eight soon.

### Latin American imports fall

The ministers noted that Latin American imports fell from \$98 billion in 1981 to only 65 billion in 1987 and that the region has a golden opportunity to return to growth by importing from within and by joining forces on technology. Latin America could even compete overseas.

### They also agreed Latin

America should unify its division in the present round of global trade talks and that the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) should be strengthened.

### In this respect they welcomed

the Toronto statement on the need to combat trade protectionism and to make progress on lowering import barriers.

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## International Bond Headlines

London — Toyota Motor Finance (Netherlands) BV is issuing a 200 min dlr Eurobond due July 26, 1991. 8-3/4 pct and priced at 101 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTUO 1018) another Toyota Motor Corp unit, Toyota Motor Credit Corp, is issuing a 60 min New Zealand dlr Eurobond, lead manager Hambros Bank Ltd said. (RTUO 1008)

London — The State Bank of Victoria is issuing a 100 min dlr Eurobond due July 26, 1993, paying 8-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct. Fuji International Finance Ltd said as co-lead manager with Merrill Lynch. (RTXB 1404)

Eindhoven, Netherlands — Dutch Electronics Firm NV Philips Geloempenfabrieken said it was launching a 300 min guildar, 6.0 pct, five-year Euro bullet priced at 100-1/2 (RTXQ 1517) in Zurich, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said Philips is issuing 250 min Swiss francs of seven year 4-3/8 pct notes priced at par. (RTTQ 0732)

Frankfurt — Santander financial issuances, the Cayman Island subsidiary of Spain's Banco Santander, is issuing a 100 min mark five-year equity warrant Eurobond with an indicated coupon of 2-3/4 pct and priced at par, lead manager Morgan Stanley GMBH said. (RTTS 0921)

## Interest-Rate Tables

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	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-3/4 1/2	9-5/8 1/2	9-15/16 13/16
FFT	3.95/4.05	4.20/30	4.50/60
PAR	7-1/4 5/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-3/16 5/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	2-7/8 3-1/8	3 3-1/4
BRX	2.90	6.00 1/8	6-1/8 1/4
RON	10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	11 11-1/2
AMS	2-0/2 2-1/2	3-5/8 3-3/4	4-1/8 4-1/4
TOK	3.5625 6250	3.9575 4.0000	UNO
ECU	5.62 5.87	6.00 6.12	6.25 6.37

	Period	Bid	Offered
	1 month	7-3/16	6-11/16
	3 months	6-9/16	6-11/16
	6 months	6-1/2	6-7/8
	1 year	6-3/8	6-13/16

## BRITISH

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDA	60.25	60	61	NICO.	580	580	570	
ACC	221	231	252	GRASIN	96.50	97	94	MOCIL	470	465 462.50	
ASIA PAINT	152.50	153	152.50	GSPC	122	123.50	120	OKRAY	36.50	36	35
BAJAJ PAINT	247.50	252.50	245	HIND LEVER	65.50	65.50	66	PEICO	32	31.50	32
BAR. RAYON	227.50	232.50	240	HINDALCO	85	85	85	PFEZER	65	62	65
BON. DYEING	137	141	140	HINDCOCO	83.75	82.50	83	PFEZER-AUTO	37.50	38.50	36.50
BR. BOND	87	88	87	HINDMOTOR	24	24.75	24.50	PYRAMID	49	48	49
BSE INDEX	582.24	586.43	IND ORG	20.50	19	19.50	RELIANCE	206.50	207	196	
CENTURYSP	790	800	810	INDRATON	70	71	69	SIEMENS	65	64	63.50
COLGATE	212.50	210	212.50	INDROL	173.75	177.50	175	SPIC	48	49	47
DEEPAKERT	37.25	37	36	ITC	40	39.50	40	STOMILLS	222.50	225	220
EI. HOTEL	50	49	50	JCSYNTH	64.50	65	63.50	TATA PLR	230	227.50	230
ESKART	151.25	155	150	L AND T	92	93	91	TATACHEM	69	69	67.50
ESSAR	20.50	21	20.50	MAHINDRA	56	55.50	55.50	TELCO	665	667.50	652.50
GAR. POLY	76	76.50	76	MASTERSPL	11	10.75	11	TISCO	857.50	850	835
GE. SHIP	28.75	29	28.75	KATHER PL	87.50	58.75	58.75	VOLTAS	287.50	287.50	292.50

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## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1200	1240	NITSUB EL	793	805	NITSUB EST
AEG	200.6	202.5	AJINOMOTO	3170	3220	3240	NITSUB HVY	815	815	NOCIL
ALLIANZ VR	1415.0	1431.0	AKAI ELEC	702	705	705	NITSUI CO	918	922	OKRAY
BADENWERK	182.2	181.2	ASANI GAS	1040	1030	1030	NITSUHI EL	1180	1170	PEICO
BAASF	250.2	253.8	ASANI OPT	770	780	780	NITCHICON	1330	1350	PYRAMID
BAYER HYP	335.1	341.0	BANK TOKYO	1580	1570	1570	NITCHICON	1330	1350	RELIANCE
BAYER VER	333.5	331.0	BRIDGESTON	1280	1440	1440	NIKKO CHNT	850	860	RELYM
BRIC	310.0	306.0	CANON	1180	1200	1200	NIKKO SEC	1860	1880	RICOH
BASF	399.0	401.0	CASIO COMP	1240	1220	1220	NIPOL	2050	2080	SPIC
COMMERZBK	513.5	528.0	CHUGAI MNG	0	1530	1530	NIPOL	564	554	SPOT
CONTI. GUIN	222.2	224.6	CITIZEN W	886	912	912	NIPOL	1110	1110	STOMILL
D-ICHT KAN	245.5	246.5	D-ICHT KAN	3160	3170	3170	NIPOL	570	570	TATACHEM
DAI HPI 1K	791	797	DAI HPI PT	2440	2520	2520	NIPOL	700	710	TATACHEM
DAI HPI-PT	2440	2520	DAI HPI PT	1100	1100	1100	NOMURA SEC	3650	3670	TISCO
DAI NIP TO	680	695	DAI NIP TO	680	695	695	NOMURA SEC	3670	3690	TOKYO IND
D-ICHT KAN	867	880	D-ICEL	867	880	880	OHTA CO	1010	1010	TOKYO IND
DAIWA H	1860	1920	DAIWA SEC	2360	2350	2350	OLYMPUS	1110	1110	TOKYO IND
DEUTS BANK	169.5	169.5	DEUTS BANK	1860	1920	1920	PIONEER	3020	3020	TOKYO IND
DTB BARBOOK	475.30	475.72	DTB BARBOOK	169.5	169.5	169.5	PIONEER	3020	3020	TOKYO IND
ELDWEUHE	282.5	288.0	ELDWEUHE	169.5	169.5	169.5	PIONEER	3020	3020	TOKYO IND
GOLDSCHMID	299.0	289.5	ERBA MFG	970	960	960	REMON	950	960	TOKYO IND
HARPER	431.0	433.0	EISAI	2020	2020	2020	RICOH	1220	1230	TOKYO IND
HOECHST AG	264.5	267.7	FUJITSU	1490	1510	1510	RICOH	1220	1230	TOKYO IND
HODECH	141.0	148.5	FUJI BANK	3180	3170	3170	SANTO ELEC	622	630	TOKYO IND
HOTEL	189.0	190.0	FUJI PHOTO	3700	3720	3720	SEIYU ST	2140	2110	TOKYO IND
HUSSEL LTD	430.0	430.0	FUJISAMA	1850	1850	1850	SEIYU ST	2140	2110	TOKYO IND
KALI SALZ	156.0	156.0	FUJITA CP	765	768	768	SEKISUI PB	1720	1710	TOKYO IND
KARSTAD	434.0	436.0	HITACHI	1390	1420	1420	SHARP	1090	1100	TOKYO IND
KAUFHOF	376.0	378.5	HONDA MOT	1650	1670	1670	SNI SEIDO	1800	1820	TOKYO IND
KLOECK W	121.2	126.0	ISETAN	1630	1620	1620	SONY	5070	5070	TOKYO IND
LINDE	101.00	101.00	ITO TOKADO	4400	4450	4450	SUMITOMO	1100	1120	TOKYO IND
LUFTHANSA	150.0	148.0	JAP SYR	1100	1120	1120	TAI SHIO MRN	1070	1080	TOKYO IND
MAN	184.0	188.5	JAPAN AIR	14100	14100	14100	TAKEDA CH	2630	2680	TOKYO IND
MANNESMAN	156.7	158.0	JAPAN MET	720	718	718	TEIJIN	838	850	TOKYO IND
MERCDES	515.7	518.0								

## World oil prices ease slightly

LONDON, June 27, (Reuter): Crude oil prices slipped 45 cents a barrel on world spot markets throughout today, but in very thin business, traders said.

They said news the cabinet of the UAE had backed up the tough stance on production taken by their oil minister at the last meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) helped depress prices.

During the last OPEC meeting, which ended in Vienna on June 14, the UAE Oil Minister Maud Said Al Oteiba said his country was unhappy with the output quota of 948,000 barrels per day (bpd) assigned it by the group, and was seeking a higher quota of 1.5 million bpd.

But although this served as a reminder of the lack of unity within the group, it was not enough to inspire business at the lower levels, traders said.

Another factor behind the weaker prices today, according to oil traders, was a report that another OPEC member, Saudi Arabia, had increased price discounts to its most important Western customers.

At the last OPEC meeting, all members agreed to stick to fixed prices around a reference price of \$18 a barrel.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, slipped 30 cents to \$14.85 per barrel.

The leading US crude, West Texas Intermediate, stood 45 cents lower at \$15.85. The key Mideast crude Dubai was also down 40 cents at \$13.25 per barrel.

Latest spot oil prices -- FOB, dollars per barrel June 24 June 27  
Brent (prompt) 14.85 13.15  
WTI (Crus, Aug.) 15.85 16.30  
Dubai (Aug.) 13.25 13.65

## No sign of Bank of Japan intervention

# US dollar soars in Tokyo to year-high close



Money brokers dealing in Tokyo exchange after the US dollar opened at a four-month high yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

TOKYO, June 27, (Reuter): The US dollar jumped to a record 1988 closing high today against the yen, spurred by an assumption by dealers that Washington and Tokyo were happy to see it rise.

It closed at 131.70 yen, significantly higher than the Friday close of 130.40/50 in New York.

"The market is eager to try the dollar's upside again after they failed to break 132 yen early this year," said Noboru Yokohashi of the Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank.

**Briefly**  
The dollar had briefly hit 131.70 yen during the day on January 18.

There was no sign of Bank of Japan intervention during today's trading, encouraging those operators who believe the dollar is heading higher.

Tokyo shares, however, slid further due to fears that the central bank might tighten yen interest rates to stop the dollar rising too strongly against the Japanese currency.

"If the yen keeps weakening, pressure on the Bank of Japan to raise interest rates increases," said strategist Andrew Ballingall of Barclays De Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan). "Anything significantly above 132 yen, the Bank of Japan will have to come in."

Tokyo's Nikkei index lost 121.20 points or 0.44 per cent, to 27,435.01. It sank 194.18 points in half-day trading on Saturday.

### Go through

"There is a feeling that if the dollar manages to go through 132 yen, it will then rise to 135," said chief fund manager Kaoru Shimura of Sumitomo Life Insurance.

"If it climbs to 140, it would have gone too far."

Many Japanese market men believe that Washington and Tokyo reached a secret agreement during the Toronto

summit meeting in June whereby the dollar could rise and Japan would be able to tighten monetary policy to head off inflationary trends.

"Most people held long positions in anticipation that the dollar would breach 132 yen and 1.83 marks overseas today," said Norimitsu Takada, senior dealer at Citibank.

### Surged

In London, the dollar surged to its highest values since the run-up to last October's financial crash today bringing central bank intervention to brake its rally.

Some currency dealers in New York said they believed the US Federal Reserve Board had followed West Germany's Bundesbank in selling dollars for marks.

Meanwhile news of a record British balance of payments deficit in May £1.21 billion (\$2.06 billion) sent the pound skidding and stamped the London Stock Market into a 36-point drop.

Gold was lower at around \$441.50 an ounce but the US drought continued to push farm prices higher.

### Intervention

On the dollar, several dealers said that concerted central bank intervention might be needed to take the heat out of the current rally which began last week.

A communiqué by the Group of Seven leading industrial nations at their Toronto economic summit last week said they favoured a stable dollar, warning that wild gyrations would be bad for the global economy.

"The dollar will continue its climb unless there is coordinated central bank intervention," a dealer for a US bank said in Frankfurt, where the dollar began this week at 1.8255 West German marks — its highest since October 7.

**Detected**  
Some New York dealers detected intervention by the Fed after some operators had sold dollars to lock in profits made on those gains. A favoured tactic of central banks is to wait until the market itself shows signs of going the way they want, then intervening to reinforce the trend.

The major economic news was that of Britain's record payments deficit for May, which knocked

the pound sterling down by around two cents and nearly four pence to lows of \$1.6945 and 3.0950 marks.

London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip British stocks lost more than 36 points to a session low at 1,834.9 before rallying a little.

The deficit, which measures imports and exports plus international payments for services, was more than double most analysts' estimates. It was up by 66 per cent from an April shortfall of £728 million (\$1.24 billion).

"They are pretty terrible figures," said Robert Thomas, a senior economist at London investment bankers Greenwell Montagu.

The London Stock Exchange declared 'fast market' conditions, meaning its computers were overloaded, in the period right after the announcement of the trade figures. This was the first time this had happened since last October's crash, dealers said.

Several dealers said the figures were bad news for the stock market, suggesting the pressure could now be on for a full one point rise in British base interest rates, now nine per cent, to damp down a credit-driven consumer boom.

The boom is siphoning in imports and threatens to cause higher inflation.

In other leading stock markets, the 50-share Paris Bourse indicator was 0.37 per cent lower while in Frankfurt shares started easier, following a weak lead from Asia.

Joint ventures to distribute natural gas and petroleum products more evenly among them.

Al Wittari said now that Arab states had completed most of their planned refineries and oil-based industries, they must make maximum use of them.

He also said Arab states had suffered from the decline in the value of the US dollar, in which oil is priced, relative to other major international currencies.

Al Wittari said pricing oil by a basket of currencies instead of the dollar would solve the problem. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has considered use of a currency basket, but found it technically cumbersome.

OPEC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the UAE, Qatar, Libya, and Algeria, with non-OPEC Bahrain, Syria and Tunisia.

Jobbers boycotted trading in protest against a government proposal to tax their turnover.

**FRANKFURT:** Prices ended a quiet bourse about one per cent lower, undermined by expectations that the Bundesbank would raise the discount rate at a meeting on Thursday. The Commerzbank index, which is calculated at mid-session, rose 7.3 to 1,436.6.

**TOKYO:** Share prices closed slightly lower in listless trading with most investors wary follow Wall Street's Friday decline.

The stronger dollar had virtually no impact on sentiment. The Nikkei index fell 2.6 to 872.5.

**LONDON:** Shares were sharply off Friday's closing levels in late trading after news of a record £1.21 billion deficit on the May UK current account. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 30.4 at 1,840.9.

**NEW YORK:** Stocks stayed lower in morning trading as the dollar slipped in response to the limited sales of the currency by the Federal Reserve. The Dow

was down nine at 2,134.

**SHIPPING MOVEMENTS**

**SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIKH PORT AS ON 27/6/88**

**B.No.** Ships Name Agent Tel No.

5 Ibn Shuhaid KSA 4843150

6 Zarqa GH & Q 4747815

7 Rashidah GH & Q 4747815

8 Tug Abu Samir G. Star 4845501

9 Barge Alia G. Star 4845501

15 City of Beirut GH & Q 4747815

16 Chios Dignity Al Badar 2433537

**SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIKH PORT**

**ETA** Ships Name Agent Tel No.

23/6 Mndnoria Attica Emad 4841807

28/6 Ming Cheng M. Bahar 2433881

28/6 Chijin ISA 2441860

**SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT**

**B.No.** Ships Name Agent Tel No.

2 Lelaps RSMS 2423642

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**Dollar positions unwound**

## KD deposits ease

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi rial deposit rates yesterday were steady to firmer in active trade as banks prepared for settlement next week of the Saudi government's second £1 billion riyal development bond issue.

But dealers said rates were still unusually high as the dollar remained strong against the dinar. Banks had built up long dollar positions throughout the past week, during which the US currency gained 1.5 per cent against the dinar.

Overnight funds fell back to 12 and 12½ per cent from 15 per cent on Sunday. Tomorrow next dealt at 11 per cent early in the day, but bids later fell to eight per cent from Sunday's 10 per cent.

Spot-next funds were quoted by early afternoon at 8·1/2, 7·1/2 per cent after 10 per cent bids on Sunday, while one-week quotes fell to eight per cent from 10 per cent.

Bankers have calculated the effective yield on the one-year bond at between 7·75 and 7·85 per cent. One-year interbank deposits were quoted yesterday at 8·3/4, 1·1/4 per cent.

One-month deposits were unchanged from Sunday at 7·15, 16, 13·16 per cent and three-month was steady at 8·16, 7·7, 7·8 per cent.

There was heavy activity in six-month swaps, and six-month deposits firmed 1·16 point to 8·1, 8·2, eight per cent. Spot-next and one-week were little changed at 6·78, 3·8, 3·8 per cent.

The Central Bank's dinar exchange rate softened to 0.2810/8 to the dollar from Sunday's 0.2802/34, while commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.2810/8.

## Arab oil revenues unlikely to increase, says OAPEC

ARAB oil revenues are unlikely to increase in the coming years and new measures should be taken to improve economic efficiency, an Arab oil group said in a report published yesterday.

In the 1987 annual report of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), acting Secretary-General Abdellatif Al Wittari wrote:

"It is not expected that oil revenues of member countries will significantly increase in the next few years, which requires new measures to raise the productive efficiency of the economy."

At today's ceremony Interflug also signed an agreement with West Germany's civilian airline Deutsche Luft Hansa AG to service the new planes.

Diplomats said COCOM insisted on the maintenance agreement because it is wary of seeing sophisticated avionics being diverted to military applications by the Soviet bloc countries.

But Interflug said the servicing agreement was for practical reasons. "It would be too difficult to build up a stock of spare parts and to train maintenance teams for such a small number of planes," Interflug chairman Klaus Heukels said at the ceremony.

The sale of the Airbus planes, which are assembled in Toulouse from parts built in West Germany, Britain, Spain and France, also marks a new step in co-operation between West and East Germany.

Asked if the sale opened up a huge market in the Soviet bloc, Airbus chairman Jean Pierson said, "we have already had contacts with other countries." He gave no further details.

Airbus' major rival Boeing Co has also applied for clearance from the Co-ordinating Committee for Multinational Export Control (COCOM) for sales of

more than \$700 million in arrears, declared the country ineligible for fresh credits in February 1986.

As a result of last year's pact, a group representing major Western donors pledged \$227.6 million in balance of payments support.

Ibrahim said actual disbursement of the pledges ran far below the total. Sudan hoped a second meeting of the group, probably in September or October, would promise another \$1 billion.

In return for reforms, which include further devaluation, the IMF will give the go-ahead to

more than \$700 million in arrears, declared the country ineligible for fresh credits in February 1986.

It has been pressing for more reforms to follow up an agreement last year under which Sudan devalued by 44 per cent and raised sugar and petrol prices. Several people were killed and scores injured in subsequent protests.

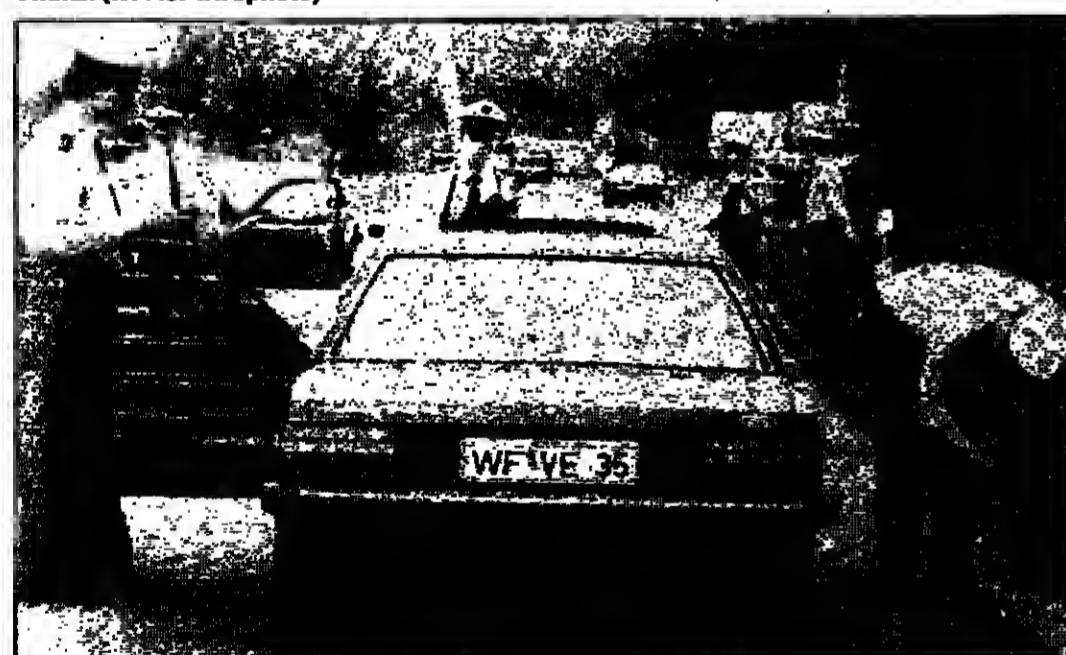
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AFTER a night at sea, an old Egyptian fisherman mends his nets on the pavement near Alexandria port. (Reuter wirephoto)



TURKISH President Kenan Evren (right) meets Secretary of State George Shultz (left) after arriving at Andrews Air Force base to start his United States trip. At left is Mrs. Shultz. (Reuter wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN policemen armed with machineguns inspect an automobile headed for the Hanover airport yesterday, shortly before the arrival of the leaders of the 12 European Economic Community nations for their semi-annual summit. (Reuter wirephoto)



SIXTY Singaporean Army troops dressed as toy tin-soldiers fall like dominoes as they entertain the public during the Singapore Armed Forces Day open-house celebrations. (Reuter wirephoto)



MARY, matriarch of the Sydney Zoo, undergoes an operation to remove a cataract from her left eye and a detached retina in the right eye. (Reuter wirephoto)



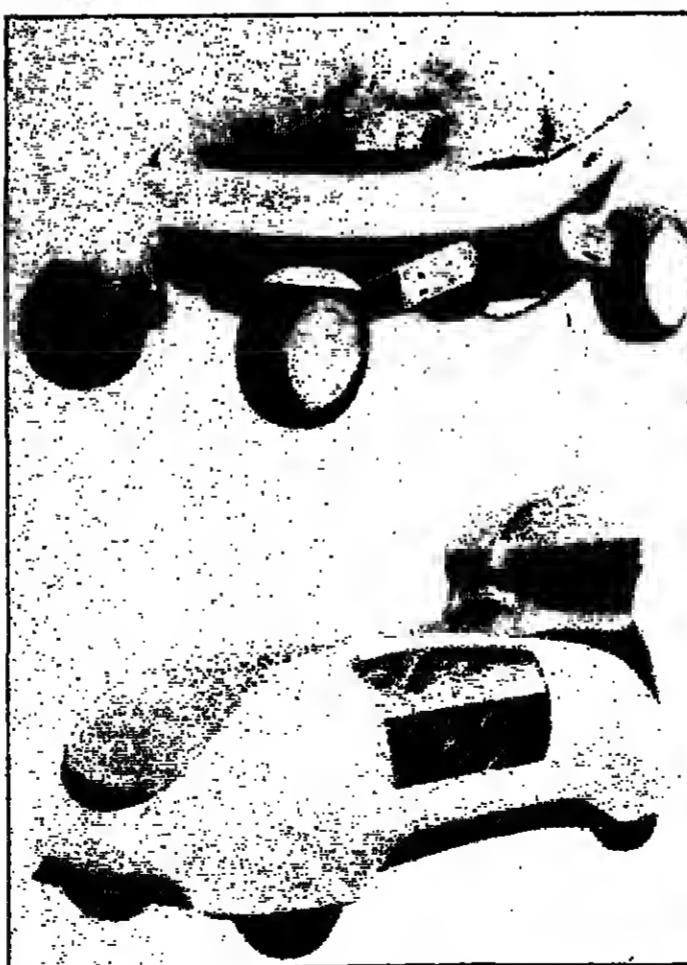
CHILDREN stand around the foundation stone of a future monument to Soviet soldiers, who died in Afghanistan, after it was unveiled on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



KANAK separatist Jean-Marie Tjibaou (left) and French loyalist leader Jacques Lafleur agreed on a new status for the South Pacific territory of New Caledonia on Sunday in Paris, making a major diplomatic triumph for Prime Minister Michel Rocard's Socialist government. (Reuter wirephoto)



KAHYASI (right) ridden by Ray Cochrane comes through to win by a head from Insan ridden by Richard Quinn at the Curragh Racecourse. (Reuter wirephoto)



TOYOTA Motor Corp has unveiled these futuristic car models to be displayed at the Gifu Future Exposition in the western Japanese city of Gifu Chubu starting from July 8. Top picture: the model called Cricket, features extended leg-like wheel struts to enable the vehicle to run on various types of terrain. Bottom: Barocco, includes a water tank to carry fish as a mobile fish shop. (Reuter wirephoto)



JAPANESE Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno (centre) shakes hands with the mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij, as the deposed mayor of Hebron, Mustafa Matahe looks on. Uno on Sunday met Palestinian notables in a hotel in occupied Jerusalem after visiting a refugee camp near Bethlehem. (Reuter wirephoto)



A FIRST aid worker (centre) helping 14-year-old Katja Willems (right) and another unidentified Dutch soccer fan (left) recover after the two fainted upon the arrival of Dutch soccer team at Eindhoven airport on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PAKISTANI women skirmished with riot-equipped policemen outside the Government House in Karachi on Sunday as they protested against the decree issued by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq making Islam's sharia code the supreme source of law in Pakistan. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Duchess of York (right) leans to talk to Princess Diana (left) as Catherine Soames looks across the heads in the royal box on centre court at Wimbledon in London. (Reuter wirephoto)

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FORMER WORLD CHAMPION CONTINUES COMEBACK

## Foreman stops Hernandez



Foreman (left) digs a left to the mid-section of Hernandez in the 4th round before the fight was stopped. (Wire photo).

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, June 27, (UPI): Former world heavyweight champion George Foreman won his 10th straight comeback bout last night, stopping Carlos Hernandez at 1:36 of the fourth round.

Foreman, 40, started slowly but battered Hernandez early in the fourth round. Foreman, 245 (111 kg), pressed his 20-pound (9-kg) weight advantage and caught Hernandez with a left hook that bunt the smaller fighter.

### Wobbled

Foreman came in with four straight head shots, including a left hook that wobbled Hernandez on the ropes. Hernandez spit out his mouthpiece and waved forearm toward him.

Foreman pointed toward the floor and told referee Paul Vent, "Give him his mouthpiece."

Vent refused. Foreman stepped in and landed a right-left uppercut to the head that staggered Hernandez backward. Vent then stepped in and stopped the bout.

Hernandez was staggered by the first punches of the fight, a double-left hook by Hernandez. He

appeared sluggish throughout, although he sent Hernandez's mouthpiece flying with a left hook at the end of the second round.

Foreman, 55-2 with 52 knockouts, ended a 10-year retirement March 9, 1987. He defeated Joe Frazier in two rounds Jan. 22, 1973 to win the heavyweight title and lost it on his third defense in an eighth-round knockout to Muhammad Ali Oct. 30, 1974. A Houston minister, Foreman says he wants a shot at heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

Hernandez, a truck driver, fell to 18-6-1.

Foreman was paid \$35,000 for the bout before a sellout crowd of 1,850 at the Tropicana. Foreman earned \$12,500.

An old cat takes time before he scratches," Foreman said of his slow start. "It was necessary for me to save my life before I got started."

"I'm back. I'm here to stay."

Hernandez said he didn't think the fight should have been stopped.

"I would say no, but they're looking for the best interests of the fighter," he said.



Player celebrates after sinking the 8-foot birdie. (Reuter wirephoto)

## BASEBALL ROUNDUP

### Minnesota overwhelm Oakland

NEW YORK, June 27, (AP): From beginning to end, it was a perfect day for the Minnesota Twins.

Dan Gladden hit the first pitch of yesterday's doubleheader against Oakland for a home run and Keith Atherton set down the last eight batters in the second game as the Twins swept the Athletics 11-0 and 5-0.

The Twins gave a sellout crowd of 43,154 at the Oakland Coliseum little to cheer about as they moved to within four games of the first-place Athletics in the AL West. Minnesota trailed by 12 games on June 5.

"The last thing we need right now is a letdown," said Frank Viola, who earned his League-leading 12th victory in the second game with relief help from Atherton. "We've got the Angels coming up and we can't take them for granted. But this is sweet."

Charlie Lea and Juan Berenguer combined on a six-hitter in the first game as the Athletics were shut out in a doubleheader for the first time since moving to Oakland in 1968.

**Red Sox 10, Orioles 1**

Mike Greenwell extended his hitting streak to 17 games with a two-run homer and Jim Rice also had a two-run to back the four-hit pitching of Mike Smithson. Smithson, 3-2, allowed four hits, struck out six and walked five in pitching his first complete game since Sept. 23, 1986.

**Yankees 4, Indians 3**

Claudell Washington's fourth hit of the game, a two-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning, scored pinch-runner Rickey Henderson from third as New York moved to within one game of first-place Detroit in the East.

**Blue Jays 4, Tigers 1**

Mike Flanagan earned his 150th career victory and Jesse Barfield hit a solo homer to snap Jeff Robinson's seven-game winning streak. Flanagan, 7-5, allowed eight hits, struck out five and wound in third place at 206.

**Nelson struggles past Beck for Atlanta title**

ATLANTA, GA., June 27, (AP): Gary Player birdied the first hole of a sudden-death playoff against fellow South African Harold Henning and won the \$250,000 Southwestern Bell Silver Pages Classic yesterday.

Player hit his tee shot on the par-3 16th hole about 8 feet past the pin, while Henning put his in a bunker behind the green. He chipped to within about 5 feet, but could only watch as Player sank his putt.

**Missed**

Player had a chance to win his third Senior PGA Tour event of the year on the final hole of regulation, but his 6-foot down-

hill birdie putt slid below the hole.

Henning also had a chance to win on 18, but his 15-foot putt from right of the pin missed by inches.

Player, who started the day

with two shots behind Henning, shot a 6-under-par 66 to finish regulation at 203, 13-under-par at the Quail Creek Golf and Country Club. Henning fired a 4-under 68.

Gene Littler, three shots out of

the lead at the start of the day, was tied for the lead after moving to 10-under-par through 10 holes. But he could manage only pars on the closing eight holes and wound in third place at 206.

**Nelson struggles past Beck for Atlanta title**

ATLANTA, GA., June 27, (AP): Faltering early, Larry Nelson struggled but birdied the final hole to defeat fellow American Chip Beck by a single stroke and win the Atlanta Classic crown, last winning the Classic yesterday.

Nelson's final round of 73 gave him a four-day total of 20-under-par 268. It was the second time Nelson had captured the Atlanta Classic crown, last winning the title in 1980.

**Category**

"He has been training since March for this fight and already made the category limit. He is in great form," said Akbar Muhammed, Curry's manager.

Curry, who was knocked out by Mike McCullum when he made his first try at the WBA junior middleweight crown, gained a chance against Rosi by outpointing Mexican Lupe Aquino in nearby Genoa last Jan. 3.

The American decided to train in the same gymnasium where he prepared for the successful defence of his WBA welterweight crown against Italian Nino La Rocca in 1984.

**Enough**

"This win wasn't as easy as I thought it would be when I woke up this morning," Nelson said. "I didn't really know what was wrong, but I figured if I held on long enough I'd figure it out. I knew the scores would be higher than today. The wind was swirling and it was hard to pick a clutch."

Nelson started the day 21-under-par, one stroke shy of the all-time tour record for 54 holes, with a four-stroke lead over eventual third-place finisher Paul Azinger. Nelson parred the first three holes, but put his second shot in the water at the fourth hole for a double bogey to fall to 19-under-par.

At the sixth hole Nelson bogeyed again while Azinger made his first birdie to place himself in a tie.

Meanwhile Beck, who started the day 13-under-par and eight shots behind Nelson, was three-under-par on the first nine holes and 10-under-par for the tournament and moved within two strokes.

On the ninth Azinger bogeyed

from 40 feet out to leave Nelson in the lead by one stroke going to the final nine holes.

On the back-side, Azinger hit the 11th hole to tie, and sank a 20-foot putt on the 13th to briefly lead. On the 14th, Nelson and Beck both birdied. Nelson from four feet for his first of the day, and Beck to move to 18-under-par, while Azinger relinquished the lead with a bogey.

On the 15th hole, Azinger dropped from contention when he hit his second shot over the green, was unable to recover, and recorded a double bogey.

On the 18th hole, Beck, playing ahead of Nelson, birdied the par-five from 10 feet to tie Nelson at 19-under-par.

Nelson parred the par-four, 17th, then hit a big drive on the 18th. He hit his second shot on the green, 35 feet from the pin, and then two-putted for the victory.

"That might have been the best drive I've ever hit in my life," Nelson said about his 18th hole. "It's amazing how far you can hit the ball when you're scared."

**Wanted**

"I thought I would have to birdie hole 14, par 15, 16, 17 and then birdie 18. When I saw my first putt roll up two feet away I just wanted to tap in and end it."

For his victory he collected \$126,000 raising his 1988 earnings to \$256,906.

Azinger also enjoyed success on the final hole, eagling it to finish at 18-under-par and alone in third place.

**White Sox 7, Rangers 5**

Daryl Boston hit a 430-foot Grand Slam and Harold Baines also homered as Chicago handed Jeff Russell his first loss of the season. Jack McDowell, 3-6, pitched six shutout innings before leaving with the bases loaded in the seventh.

**Dodgers 3, Reds 6**

John Shelby singled home the tying run in the ninth inning for his third RBI of the game, and Steve Sax followed with a three-run double, enabling the visiting Dodgers to sweep Cincinnati. Rick Dempsey had a solo homer, his fourth, for the Dodgers.

### Results

American League		
Boston	10 Baltimore	1
New York	4 Cleveland	3
Toronto	4 Detroit	1
Minnesota	11 Cleveland	0
Minnesota	5 Oakland	0
Seattle	8 Kansas City	2
California	4 Milwaukee	2
Chicago	7 Texas	5

### National League

3	Montreal	0
2	Atlanta	1
9	Cincinnati	6
7	St. Louis	5
6	New York	12
6	San Francisco	0

### Standings

American League East		
Detroit	44 28 .611	1
New York	43 29 .597	1
Cleveland	41 33 .554	4
Boston	36 34 .514	7
Milwaukee	37 37 .500	8
Toronto	38 38 .500	8
Baltimore	20 54 .270	25

### American League West

	W	L	GB
Pittsburgh	3	Montreal	0
San Diego	2	Atlanta	1
Los Angeles	9	Cincinnati	6
Philadelphia	7	St. Louis	5
Chicago	6	New York	12
Houston	6	San Francisco	0

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